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PASSED AWAY.

Death of William E. Bowers After a Long and Painful Illness.

A VETERAN MILLER OF THE CITY

Identified for Many Years with the Shellabarger Mills—A Good Man of Sterling Worth—The Funeral.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

The announcement of the death of William E. Bowers, will occasion no surprise, as it has been expected for some months that he would pass away as the result of rheumatism, with which he had been afflicted for many years. He died at 7 o'clock last night at his home, No. 515 North Franklin street, attended by his devoted wife and loving children. He fell asleep quietly and passed into eternal rest, leaving a long and useful life.

Mr. Bowers had endured great pain during his long years of illness, but through it all his noble manhood shone forth grandly and he made no complaints. He sought in vain for a cure, but only obtained temporary relief. And through all his illness his wife and children did what they could for him. He retained consciousness almost until the last, and the cheerful recognition of those in the chamber where in a few minutes he was to expire.

The deceased was born in Cumberland county, Pa., October 25, 1827, and was in the 71st year of his age. When a young man he entered the mill of the late James Shellabarger in Pennsylvania and acquired valuable knowledge of the milling business. Later he moved with his parents to Hallowell, Ohio, where he became connected with a water mill, which was later purchased by his father, and he was placed in full charge. In 1840 Mr. Bowers married Emily Van Dorn, a native of Highland county, Ohio, and to the couple were born three children, Mary A. Amelia McBurn, who died at the age of 29, leaving one child, William McBurn; and Josephine Bowers Cron, wife of Attorney Harry H. Cron of Monticello, and Dena Bowers, wife of George W. Bowers of Decatur. In 1854 Mr. Bowers emigrated as a member of the 103d Ohio regiment, and was honorably discharged after about nine months service. In 1863 Mr. Bowers removed to Decatur with his family and entered the employ of D. S. Shellabarger and the late Benjamin Dillehunt. Mr. Shellabarger had knowledge of the ability and personal worth of Mr. Bowers and he proved a valuable man at the mill in the mechanical and manufacturing departments. Later Mr. Shellabarger bought the plant and Mr. Bowers took financial interest in the property. Mr. Bowers was a thoroughly practical man. He had personal knowledge of every department of the mill, and put it in full working shape. His judgment could always be relied upon and in his contact with the farmers and other patrons of the mill he gained and retained the confidence and respect of everybody. Besides having an interest in the mill, Mr. Bowers was a stockholder and member of the directors of the National Bank of Decatur. He disposed of his interest in the mill in 1888, solely because of failing health. He retired with considerably more than a competency.

Last night D. S. Shellabarger, speaking of the death of Mr. Bowers, said: "My relations with Mr. Bowers both business and social were of the most pleasant character throughout our acquaintance and through a long business life. We knew and understood each other well, and were almost as close as brothers. In fact we were together more than brothers usually are. He was one of the kindest, most matured, genial men I have ever known, one who made friends with everybody. He found fault with no one but always had a good word to speak for those he knew. As the head of our manufacturing department during his connection with the mill he came much in contact with farmers. With them he was extremely popular. They knew him to be a man absolutely reliable and trusted him implicitly. I have never known a man who bore extreme suffering so patiently as he did. The best thing I can say is that he died a good, consistent Christian and was not afraid of death."

During his business associations with Mr. Shellabarger, Mr. Bowers was interested with him in the building of flouring mills at Danville, Ill., Wheaton and Sallina, Kansas at the time of his death being a stockholder in the latter enterprise.

For 30 years he had been a member of Grace Methodist church, and for 26 years had been one of the trustees. In politics Mr. Bowers had always been a Republican, but his affiliation with that party extended only to the performance of his duty at the ballot box, he never having sought or aspired to an office. He was a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Independent Order of Mutual Aid.

The funeral will be held at Grace Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. F. Gillmore, the pastor, assisted by Rev. H. M. Magrove, a former pastor of the church.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Funerals of Anna Howes and Alonzo Hubbard Held on Sunday Afternoon and This Morning—Other Deaths.

From the Daily of Monday.

Anna Howes died Saturday afternoon at her home on Prairie avenue, aged 81 years. Last spring she had a stroke of paralysis and since then he has been gradually failing.

Alonzo Hubbard was born in Ashfield, Mass., December 30, 1816. He moved to Wisconsin in 1840 and engaged in the lumber business. In 1858 he moved to Mendota, Ill., continuing in the same business. He stayed there but two years and then went to Garden Grove, Iowa, where he lived until 1888, when he moved with his family to this city. He was successful in his business and accumulated a competency. Anna Howes was a man highly esteemed by those who knew him and valued as a friend. He died with all his children about him except two who will come on from the funeral to the funeral.

The funeral was held from St. John's church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and Rev. W. Bedford-Jones officiated. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Alonzo Hubbard died Saturday afternoon at 8 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. W. Chilson, 690 West William street, aged 75 years. The funeral was held from the residence at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. Bedford-Jones officiating. The body was taken this morning at 11:45 o'clock to Port Huron, Michigan, for burial.

Alonzo Hubbard was born in Leroy, N. Y., October 14, 1822. He went to Port Huron, Mich., early in the '60s, and for 30 years was foreman in the mills of the Hon. Henry Foreman in the mills of the Hon. Henry Foreman at Port Huron. During the past 10 years he has resided in Decatur making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Chilson. Besides his daughter, he leaves two sons, Frank Hubbard of Decatur and C. L. Hubbard of Port Huron, Mich.

Death of Mrs. Miner.

Mrs. Sarah Williams Miner, widow of the late Rev. S. G. Miner, former pastor of the Decatur Baptist church, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Abbott, in Chicago, on December 31. The remains were buried at Bloomington. The deceased was 84 years of age. She was a woman of indomitable energy and culture and was a successful teacher and educator. She leaves two sons and a daughter. Many of the older Decatur people will remember the lady.

James Cantwell's Death.

Saturday evening at about 9 o'clock James Cantwell, hostler for the Washabash at the round house, died of apoplexy in the engineers' waiting room. He had taken an engine to the water tank and was to return at once, but he did not do so. Master Mechanic Bewley found the man lying in an unconscious state on the seat in the cab. He was removed to the waiting room where he was attended by Dr. Farish and Dr. Hostetter. He could not be restored to consciousness and in a few hours he died. The deceased leaves a wife and four children and is also survived by his mother and a brother. Cantwell was 38 years of age and had been in the railway service for a number of years. He had made complaint Saturday morning to the effect that he had slept badly.

Andrew J. Keck died at 5:30 a. m. Sunday at his home No. 935 East William street, aged 63 years. The deceased was an old soldier and served in the Ninety-fourth Ohio Infantry. He is survived by wife and five children, John Keck of Clinton, and Joseph, Frank, William and Florence Keck of Decatur.

Mrs. Minnie McGinnis died Sunday at the home of her grandson, John Travis, near Long Creek. She was 71 years old and her death was caused by pneumonia. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock this morning from the family residence.

Death of William Matthews. J. W. Matthews, the son of John Matthews, a retired farmer, died of stomach trouble at his home in Blue Mound township Sunday night, aged 28 years.

Death in the Country. Frank Miller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Miller, died Sunday night at 9:30 o'clock at the family home one mile north of the city. He was 29 years old and his death was caused by consumption. The deceased was a member of the Sons of Veterans. He is survived by his parents and three brothers, Harry, Charles and Clarence Miller, and seven sisters, Minnie, Clara, Idella, Ida, Maud, Irene and Lulu.

Died at Kankakee. Mrs. R. H. Carter of West Main street died Sunday morning at the state asylum at Kankakee. Undertaker Port left for Kankakee Sunday night and arrived in the city with the remains Monday. The lady had been in poor health for some time.

FUNERALS.

Burial of James Cantwell—Other Funerals Held in the City and Country To-Day. From the Daily of Tuesday.

The funeral of James Cantwell, who died suddenly Saturday evening, was held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from St. Patrick's Catholic church. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Brady and the burial was at Calvary cemetery. In regard to Mr. Cantwell's death, Dr. Parish, who attended him, states that he does not think Cantwell died of apoplexy, but that his death was likely due to apoplexy.

Mathews.

The funeral of the late J. W. Matthews

was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the Blue Mound chapel. The services were conducted by Rev. Keener of Beedy and the burial was at the Brown cemetery.

Carter. The remains of Mrs. R. H. Carter, who died at Kankakee, Ill., were brought to this city yesterday and taken to the family residence on West Main street. The funeral was held from the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Miller. The funeral of Frank Miller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, was held at 9:30 o'clock this afternoon from the Church of God. Rev. Bernard officiated, assisted by Rev. Finley. The burial was at Greenwood.

WILL BE DONE SATURDAY.

The Work on the Maftt Bridge So Long Continued is Nearly Completed.

The work of rebuilding the Maftt bridge will be finished this week and Saturday the bridge will be done so that wagons can go over it. The rebuilding has been done by the Stalling Bros., the bridge builders, and it has taken much longer than they expected. The firm has been at considerable loss on account of the delay in receiving the iron work. The factory has from time to time promised to have a force of 15 men have been idle. The bridge, however, will be done on Saturday. The farmers living on the Maftt road on the other side of the river have been obliged to come to the city by another road, putting them at considerable inconvenience. The bridge since the repairs have been made will be in excellent condition. Before it was so old that it was in a dangerous condition. The bridge has been lengthened considerably and has also been raised and the road approaching the bridge has been graded. The expenditures on the bridge amount to something over \$30,000.

ALL BROUGHT \$37,930.

Complete Result of the Two Partitions Sales by the Master-in-Chancery.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The two partitions sales conducted yesterday afternoon by Master in Chancery Finn, realized a total of \$37,930, just \$20, 100 in the Ewing estate and \$12,870 in the Ames Conklin estate. The Edgar A. Ewing farm of 320 acres, a mile west of Dalton City, sold for \$20,100 to Patrick Hogan. In the Ames Conklin estate a farm of 130 acres in Mt. Zion township was sold to Lewis Kinsler for \$7660; and 80 acres in Monroe county were sold to Nelson Lawson for \$4800. Lot 10 of block 6 of North addition to Decatur, a lot of 69 feet frontage at the corner of Packard street on North Main street, was sold to County Treasurer C. E. Patterson for \$1510. There is a paving assessment of \$300 on the property. There is an old house on the lot. This property was appraised at \$2000.

Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in block 3 of Galtburg's addition to Decatur were sold to Mrs. Conklin for \$3800.

DECATUR CLUB RECEPTION.

It Will be Given on Saturday Evening, January 7.

The Decatur club will give their annual New Year reception on Saturday evening, January 1, the hours being from 8 to 12 o'clock. This is an occasion which is anticipated with much pleasure by the members of the club and their women friends and the committees having the arrangements in charge on this year have spared no efforts to make the celebration of the most enjoyable in the history of the club. The club rooms will be handsomely decorated and elaborate refreshments will be served. Cards, dancing, billiards and music are some of the diversions which have been planned for the evening.

Accidents.

Edward Kennedy met with an accident Saturday afternoon. He was striking at a machine in Halpin's saloon which registered the force of the blow made. Kennedy struck at the machine with his fist and didn't hit it square and the bones of his wrist were broken. Dr. Arthur F. Wilhelmy gave him surgical attention.

Ed Swock injured himself Saturday while wrestling. He strained the ligaments of his leg causing a painful injury. Dr. Wilhelmy attended him.

Funeral Sunday.

The funeral of Mildred, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lytle, was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of Captain and Mrs. R. P. Lytle, No. 347 North Church street. The body was brought to the city Saturday from St. Joe, Mo. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Penhalligon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery. The pall bearers were Alon, George, Frank and Ernest Lytle.

Strike at Asumption.

Two hundred miners at Asumption went out on a strike yesterday. The trouble is over the company refusing to take back a number of men that the miners claim the company had black-listed.

Learn to Telegraph.

At Vaughan's School of Telegraphy. For terms and particulars call on Mr. Adams 515 Arcade building, Decatur, Ill., or Dr. S. H. Swain, the veterinary surgeon, has been attending a lot of horses received by the Washabash. They came through on a train and some required attention. Dr. Swain has been on the surgeon for the Washabash.

MORNING WEDDING.

Marriage of George Hart of Detroit and Miss Edna Hendricks, of This City.

OCCURRED AT 10 O'CLOCK TO-DAY

Was a Quiet Affair and Witnessed Only by the Families of the Couple—Wedding at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

From the Daily of Tuesday

The marriage of George M. Hart of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Edna M. Hendricks, occurred at 10 o'clock this morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hendricks, No. 807 North Church street.

The officiating clergyman was Rev. W. H. Penhalligon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The wedding was a quiet home affair and the ceremony was witnessed only by the members of the two families. Rev. Penhalligon performed the ring ceremony in an impressive manner. The parlors of the house were decorated with flowers and plants for the occasion. The bride was attired in a handsome cloth traveling costume. After the ceremony the wedding party was served an elaborate breakfast. The couple received quite a number of handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. Hart left at 11:45 a. m. for Detroit, Mich., where they will make their home.

Miss Hendricks is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hendricks and is an accomplished young lady. She is a graduate of the Decatur High school and was a member of the class of '01. Mr. Hart is well known in Decatur. He formerly lived in this city, holding a position in the office of the dining car superintendent of the Washabash, but several months ago he was himself appointed dining car superintendent for the Detroit division and makes his headquarters at Detroit.

Wilson-Ferguson.

Dr. D. H. Wilson of Dalton City and Miss Jessie L. Ferguson, were married today at noon in the parlors of the St. Nicholas hotel. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Hendricks of the Christian church of Blue Mound, and was witnessed by a number of the friends and relatives of the couple. The bride wore a gown of blue silk and carried a bunch of white roses and carnations. The bride is a daughter of J. E. Ferguson, a farmer living four miles south of Niantic. She was educated at the Normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, and is well known in both Mason and Christian counties. The groom, Dr. Wilson, is a physician practicing at Dalton City. Until about four months ago he was located at Niantic.

After the wedding a breakfast was served to the guests. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson left this afternoon for Dalton City, where the groom has a new home prepared.

Among those who were present at the wedding were Robert and Wilma Brenzel, Miss Maud Eckert, of Niantic; Moses and A. P. Berry and Miss Mary Hill Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ellis of Blue Mound; Elmer Grindol, D. E. Brooks and daughters, Maude and Stella, of Decatur; A. J. Tothaker and Miss M. A. Tothaker, of Christian county, and Miss Gertie Crawford, of Dixon, Ill.

MARRIED CHRISTMAS DAY.

Happy Couples At the Alter-Announcement Wedding.

From the Daily of Monday.

Christmas night at 8 o'clock Miss Corn M. Brook and William G. Ammann were united in marriage by Rev. W. F. Gillmore, pastor of Grace M. E. church, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Minor Brock in Riverside Place in the presence of the relatives and a number of friends. An elegant four course wedding feast followed the congratulations. The bride wore a very becoming traveling suit of gray gracie cloth. Mr. and Mrs. Ammann left at 10 o'clock Saturday night for the south to be absent several weeks. They will make their home in Decatur. Mr. Ammann is a member of the brickmaking company of Ammann & Sons.

James Masterson and Miss Mabel Millstead were married Christmas night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Millstead, 1204 East Condit street, by Rev. J. W. Crane, a large company of friends being present to attend congratulations. A splendid wedding feast was served. The bride wore a pretty gown of cream albatross with pearl trimmings and during the ceremony carried a bunch of bride's roses. The two young people have always been residents of the city and have a large number of friends to wish them happiness in the future. The groom is employed at the Washabash shops. For the present the couple will reside with the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Masterson at 1239 East Leeward avenue. Among the guests from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher, St. Louis; Miss Myrtle Millstead, sister of the bride, Jacksonville; Miss Kate Day, Moweaqua.

Christmas at Mt. Zion.

The Sabbath school of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Mt. Zion gave their customary splendid Christmas entertainment. Christmas eve. This year

cantata "Santa Claus' Dream" was given with E. W. Slater as Santa, and the affair was a splendid success and highly appreciated. The church was crowded, many having to stand in the aisles. One hundred and thirty pounds of fine candy and nuts were distributed to the school and as an instance of the size and condition of the school it may be mentioned that there are sixty odd little tots in the primary class register, of whom Mrs. Ida Spittler is teacher.

The duet in the cantata by Misses Helma Davis and Nellie Sullivan as King's Daughters, deserves special mention and brought forth applause.

"Uncle Alex," Bell, the patriarch of the Sabbath school was unable to be present, but was remembered, and his gift was sent to him.

The brilliantly illuminated tree and the happy, brightly way in which the children carried out the exercises will leave a yearning for the coming again of the Christmas tide.

The costumes of "Santa" and the "Browns" and "Mickey McGin" and the "King's Daughters" and the "Three Little Maids from Over the Sea" were splendid successes.

This church will commence a series of meetings beginning with the week of prayer and with the earnest and forceful preaching of Pastor Check and work of the people, as instruments in the hands of God, much good is expected.

Mother Jane Henry, who was afflicted with a stroke of paralysis on Saturday night, is reported to be somewhat improved but her condition is serious.

A BIG BOND.

Fancy H. Martin, Tax Collector. Files a Bond for Nearly Half a Million.

Monday afternoon Lundy H. Martin, tax collector for Decatur township, filed his official bond for \$417,485.80, nearly half a million dollars. The sureties are James Millikin, Orelle B. Gorin, J. M. Brownback, Lowber Burrows, K. H. Roby, B. O. McReynolds, Milton Johnson, John A. Dawson, J. N. Baker, Levi Town, D. S. Shellabarger, J. J. Peddicoord and John Ulrich. Mr. Martin will receive his books and will open his office at the court house next Monday morning.

A Hot Time at Mason.

The Jolly Batchelors club at Mason celebrated Christmas in a manner which thoroughly broke the monotony of village life and incidentally performed the same service for the window glass and other fixings. A grand supper was part of the program and several unheard of dishes were paraded by the French cook. Among gentlemen, a leader in Mason society, called for fried oysters. But concluded that pine knots fried in croacker dust was not a good substitute for the frolicsome bivalve. The climax of the evening's fun was reached when Mr. B. A. Schudel, who in addition to holding the medal as the best looking young man in town, hands out sweet scented missives to the girls and matter of fact mail matter to the men, announced his intention to take a flash light photograph of the assembled gang. Mr. Schudel managed to work up a job lot of confusion but the picture was not a success. The flash light went off according to program, but while attempting to change position the gifted young artist fell over the coal scuttle, upset the festive board, scattered the marshmallows for the feast over the floor and smashed a fine assortment of crockery. When he had regained his feet and the excitement had subsided it was discovered that the artist had forgotten to open the "shutter" on the machine and the longed for presentment were not to be had. It was a sad disappointment.

Caught the Mules.

Al Smith, a farmer living six miles west of the city, was in the city Saturday night and lost a team of mules. The mules were led and broke away from the wagon. Amos Imboden was sent to hunt the mules and he found them Sunday at No. 351 West Wood street. They had wandered away and a man living at that number had taken them up.

Rahana Joe in Trouble.

The Italian fruit dealer, Joe Bartello, who had a stand on East Prairie street is in trouble. He sold his place for \$1400 to Frank Same. When the transaction was made a number of his creditors got out attachments against Joe and the cases will be heard on the morning of December 30 in Justice Smith's court.

Cutting Ice.

Butzbach & Son have begun cutting ice on the river. Saturday they had a force of men at work taking the ice from the river near the city bridge. The ice at that point is seven or eight inches thick. The ice is rather soft however on account of the thaw and unless the weather gets colder at once no more ice can be cut.

Will Pay 25 Cents for Corn.

The Shellabarger Mill and Elevator company will pay 25 cents a bushel for white corn in large lots—500 bushels or over. Many farmers have been holding their corn for 25 cents. It is expected that there will be heavy delivery at the 25-cent rate.

Washabash to Enter Quincy.

A corps of Washabash surveyors has completed work on a line from East Hannibal to Quincy, Ill. It is reported that the 15 miles of track will be constructed in the spring, giving the Washabash an independent entrance into Quincy.

Married.

At the parlors of the Hotel Brunswick on Christmas Day, December 25, at noon, by George P. Hardy, J. P., Michael O'Laughlin and James F. Branch.

PROMPTLY PAID.

Mrs. James P. Allen Received \$4,000 Insurance Money Yesterday.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

The widow of the late Dr. James F. Allen of Warrensburg received yesterday, through J. S. Galvin, general agent, in Millikin building, a draft for two thousand (\$2000), the face value of the policy held by Dr. Allen in the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance company. The proofs of death were only furnished Mr. Galvin December 20 and seven days later, with a Christmas holiday intervening, the full amount, without any deductions, is paid to the beneficiary. This is the kind of work that Mr. Galvin and the John Hancock company are famous for and it goes far to explaining why it is that this company has in Mr. Galvin's energetic hand managed to almost monopolize the life insurance business of Central Illinois. The old reliable John Hancock is just as staunch and sturdy and true as its illustrious namesake. Its policies are liberal, while its methods are eminently safe and conservative, and above all the John Hancock can always be depended upon for a prompt and satisfactory settlement in case of death, as has been proved in numerous instances.

BIG LAND SALES.

The Ewing and Conklin Farms were Sold at the Court House This Afternoon.

From the Daily of Monday.

A partition sale in the case of Sarah A. Ewing vs. C. A. Ewing and others, was held at the court house door this afternoon. The Ewing farm of 350 acres situated one mile west of Dalton City, was sold to Charles Murray of Casper, for \$693 per acre. The farm is one of the finest in the county and is situated in a rich part of the county.

A farm of 120 acres of the Conklin estate was also sold. It brought \$68 per acre and was sold to Lewis Kinsler. Some city property belonging to the Conklin estate was also sold.

Civil Service Examination.

The United States civil service commission has ordered that an examination be held by its local board in this city between March 15 and 25, 1898, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m., for the grades of clerk and carrier in the postal service. Only citizens of the United States can be examined. The age limitations for this examination are as follows: Carrier, between 21 and 40; clerk, 18 or over. No application will be accepted for this examination unless filed with the undersigned, on the proper blank before the hour of closing business on March 1, 1898. Applications should be filed promptly in order that time may remain for correction if necessary.

The commission takes this opportunity of stating that the examinations are open to all reputable citizens of the United States who may desire to enter the service, without regard to race or to their political or religious affiliations. All such citizens are invited to apply. They shall be examined, graded and certified with entire impartiality, and wholly without regard to any consideration save their efficiency, as shown by the grades they obtain in the examination.

For application blanks, full instructions, and information relative to the duties and salaries of the different positions, apply to W. L. Hancock, secretary board of examiners, postal service, P. O. address: Decatur, Ill.

Married.

Joseph Edgill of Morganville and Miss Anna Belle Clark of Blue Mound were married Saturday evening by Rev. M. B. Spradley at the parsonage of the United Brethren church.

There was a wedding of unusual interest at Blue Mound on Tuesday. It was the marriage of Alex Widdows and Mrs. Ellen E. Pitzer. Justice Ball performed the ceremony in conformity to the laws of the State of Illinois.

Miss Myrtle Steel of Milan township and Allen D. Avery of Prairie Hall, were married by Dr. Penhalligon at the Presbyterian church Sunday, Tuesday afternoon, December 23. A party of friends witnessed the marriage. The couple will make their home at Prairie Hall.

Hasper H. Hooper of Long Creek township and Miss Jessie W. Darling will be married this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the College street chapel by Dr. Penhalligon.

Illinois Wesleyan's New President.

The trustees and board of visitors of the Illinois Wesleyan university, located in Bloomington, after a session of only four hours yesterday elected Dr. E. M. Smith, a graduate of the Connecticut Wesleyan university and president of the Montpelier Seminary, Montpelier, Vt., as president. The institution has been without a president since Dr. Wilder's resignation in June last. The new president is 52 years old, and comes highly recommended as a man and an educator.

Going to Kiondike.

George Kinney and C. D. Taylor of Homer were in the city today, making preparations for a trip to the Kiondike gold fields. They came to Decatur to purchase a lot of dogs. They will leave for the gold region on January 5. There is to be a large party to go with Kinney and Taylor.

G. H. Conklin received last week a large and complete map of the Kiondike region from the United States coast and geodetic surveyor at Washington. Mr. Conklin is busy in planning his route to the Cross state and will in the course of a week or ten days be necessary as to what preparations will be necessary for this trip upon which he will start on the 1st of February.

Married at Maroa.

Dr. D. S. Anderson and Miss Pearl Stubblefield at the Altar.

Maroa, Dec. 29.—The marriage of Dr. D. S. Anderson, a practicing oculist of this city, and Miss Pearl Stubblefield, a popular young waitress, were united in marriage at noon today at the home of the bride's stepfather, John Norris, by Elder Lloyd Newcomer, pastor of the Christian church. A large number of friends were present, many from out of the city. Among those present from Decatur were Attorney I. A. Buckingham and family.

BULLET KILLED HIM

Albert Hill, the Boy Who was Accidentally Shot, Died This Morning.

THE OPERATION WAS PERFORMED

But the Injuries Were Such that It was

Impossible for the Boy to Recover—Family is Unfortunate One.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Albert Hill, the 13 year old son of Mrs. Nancy Hill, of Niantic, who was accidentally shot last Monday while hunting, died this morning at 10 o'clock at St. Mary's hospital in this city.

The Hill boy was out hunting Monday with Carlo Marshall, another boy about his own age. They had with them a 23 calibre target gun. Hill crawled through a hole in a hedge fence and Marshall handed the gun through the fence and the Hill boy took hold of it. The gun was accidentally discharged and the bullet passed entirely through the abdomen. The boy was taken to his home in Niantic, and physicians were called. Last night it was decided that a last resort surgical operation must be performed and the boy was taken for that purpose to Decatur and brought to St. Mary's hospital. Dr. Will Barnes, E. A. Morgan and C. M. Wood performed the operation. They found the bowels punctured in seven places. The boy apparently stood the operation very well but died this morning at 10 o'clock. Dr. Morgan in speaking of the case said that the surgeons did not have much hope of the boy's recovery, but that the operation was the only chance. Peritonitis had set in, however, before the operation was performed and this caused death. The funeral will be held at Niantic on Friday.

The Hill family has been an unfortunate one. Mrs. Hill's husband, George Hill, died at Jacksonsville, as a result of a surgical operation, her father was found dead in bed about two years ago and now her son has died as the result of an accident.

EDDIE WOOD DEAD.

The Boy Who Broke His Neck Last July Passed Away This Morning at His Home.

Eddie Wood, the boy who broke his neck and who has been confined to his bed since that time, a helpless invalid, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. Katie Wood, No. 250 East Wood street. The boy was 16 years old and for six months he has been paralyzed and unable to move his hands or feet.

The affliction was brought on by an accident at the Sangamon river last summer. The boy was diving and he struck his head on a sunken log and broke his neck. It was thought that of course he would die at once, but he lived for six months, totally paralyzed. The boy had wonderful courage. He had strong hopes of his recovery and would not give up until the last. The case attracted much attention and most everyone in the city is familiar with it. The boy's mother lived at 113 North Mercer street but lately moved to No. 250 East Wood street. The family for a time were in destitute circumstances, but when this fact became known there were many who were quick to offer aid. The physicians said that the boy could not live any great length of time and that he lived as long as he did was a wonder to them.

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CHICAGO COLISEUM.

Destroyed by Fire Last Evening—
Total Loss Amounted
to \$250,000.

CAUSED BY CROSSED ELECTRIC WIRES

Four People Cremated and Many Injured
by Flames and the Panic Crush
— Building was Built
in 1895.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—Fire, explosion and panic marked the destruction of the coliseum, at Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue, last night. A mid winter fair was in progress in the mammoth building, but, fortunately, not more than 300 persons were on the floor when the end came. A score were injured, and many had narrow escapes. Rumor had several dead, but all who were known to be in the building were at a late hour accounted for except four. The missing are:

Pauline Dauphine, dancer, 11 years old.

Mrs. Dauphine, her mother.
L. Ladange, a booth proprietor,
B. Ladange, his son.

The flames spread like a prairie fire. There was a second explosion, and again the great granders trembled. Following this came a third explosion, which hurled burning brands through out the entire building. Flames arose among the exhibits in a hundred different places.

The injured are:
Peter Fouts, watchman, burned about face and hands.

Harry Parker, New York City; slightly burned.

G. A. Lyons, New York City; slightly burned.

Mrs. G. A. Lyons, severely burned.

M. J. Manley, lacerated by explosion of Crook tubes and burned about head.

William Robertson; face and hands burned.

M. J. Wheeler, watchman; hands burned.

James Maher, fireman; burned while cutting a live wire with a pair of shears.

Robert Hawley, fireman; severely bruised by debris during the collapse of a wall of the building.

Miss Helen Conger, shocked by live wire and severely burned about the right arm.

The booth in which the fire originated was used for an exhibition of X rays, the booth being managed by M. J. Morley and William Robertson. The two men were examining their Roentgen machine, when they were startled by a sizzling noise behind them, and upon turning saw a part of their exhibit ablaze. Crossed electric light wires which were over the exhibit are thought to have caused the flames. They at first tried to smother the flames, but before they secured water and cloth the fire had spread through out the entire booth. Morley, realizing that he and his partner would be unable to cope with the flames, then made an endeavor to save some of the most valuable of the X-rays paraphernalia. Running to the machine, he grasped two Crooke's tubes and then with Robertson began fighting his way out of the building. Before he reached an exit the tubes, which he held in both his hands, exploded from the heat, severely lacerating his hands. His hair also caught fire and he was severely burned about the head. Robertson was burned about the face.

About 300 persons were in the building at the time of the fire, and at the first alarm there was a rush for safety.

The Coliseum was supposed to be fire proof and only \$125,000 insurance was carried. The building and its equipment cost \$100,000. The loss to exhibitors is put at \$100,000; no insurance. The Chicago Exhibition company built the Coliseum in 1895. Before the roof was on a violent wind storm wrecked the building. The promoters then received a guarantee from the Democratic National committee and the building was completed in time for the National Democratic convention, July, 1898.

The Coliseum cost \$200,000 and was twice as large as the Madison Square Garden building of New York. It had a floor space of seven acres including the ground and gallery floors, was 570 feet long by 300 wide and contained 3,500,000 feet of timber and 3,000,000 bricks.

The horse show and bicycle races have been the recent successes. The winter fair has been a losing speculation. Foot ball games inside the building were features of the recent season.

Col. John T. Dickinson is president of the Chicago Exhibition company.

TRIBUTE OF REV. FROST CRAFT.

Remarks at the Funeral of the Late Mrs. America Chenoweth.

From the Daily of Thursday.

Rev. Frost Craft, at the First M. E. church yesterday afternoon, during the funeral service over the remains of Mrs. America Chenoweth, wife of Dr. W. J. Chenoweth, said:

"This Christian woman whose remains now lie before us had lived in this country many years. She has gone in and out among you and you know what she was and what her life has been. What I can say about her life work will not tell the story of her life to you who know her. A long life like hers cannot be epitomized in a short time. Only once the time of her death I have heard many beautiful things said of her life and her Christian work and these are the most beautiful tributes that can be paid to a life such as she had lived. In her home she found abundant exercise for all that

was true and noble in womanhood. Those alone who surrounded her knew the real depth of her motherly love. Here in her home she showed all of the wonderful gifts that God gave her. She loved her home and her children. There is nothing in this world like having a cheerful home and there is nothing like having the cheerful manifestations of simple Christianity in it. Mrs. Chenoweth belonged to that class of Christians that has nearly passed away. In these days of higher education and culture we cannot appreciate their worth and it is to be deeply mourned that another character such as this has been taken away. No better advice can be given to the young people of today than to follow in the footsteps of such Christians as these. They are the ones who have developed our grand country, built our schools, our churches, our offices and our homes.

"It seems to me that one of the sweetest gifts that God has given to man is a mother. Those who mourn today have been singly blessed that they have had a mother in their home until they established homes of their own. It is very sweet to all who know her to know that after all her life, with its wealth of love for her children and her home, she is at rest in the Father's home on high. When she knew that death was upon her she was ready for the passing of life. Now all that was flesh has been laid aside. Now we know that she sees glories never seen before."

United States and China.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The cabinet understanding as to the attitude of the United States on the Chinese question promises to have a material influence on the development of the eastern situation. Diplomats stationed here have eagerly awaited an intimation of the purpose of this government, and the foreign press, notably at London, Berlin and Vienna, has been waiting for news of the attitude of the United States on the Chinese question. The United States entered the field, either singly or in coalition with Great Britain and Japan, it would prove a material factor in the situation. The general understanding reached will doubtless be made known to such foreign representatives as desire a sound government and information in turn will reach the foreign offices at London, Berlin, St. Petersburg and elsewhere. It will be a disappointment to some extent to China, which has looked to the United States as a nation occupying a disinterested position, permitting it to exert a strong influence in styling the dismemberment of the empire. China has made no advances to this government, however, but has occupied a passive attitude. Views were expressed at the cabinet meeting that put an end to any possibility of an Anglo-American-Japanese alliance, such as the foreign cables have suggested.

Athletic News.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 25.—A C. Krenzelin, a student in the University of Pennsylvania, at home for the holidays, says arrangements have been completed for sending an athletic team from that institution next year to England to meet the Cambridge university team. The Pennsylvania team will be made up as follows: Capt. James Winsor, broad jump; Twilbury and Caldwell, sprinters; Hoffman, 440 yard dash; Grant, mile run; Lane, half mile run; Kralczak, hurdle and high jump; Fellerman, mile walk; McCracken, weight throwing.

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Spine Injured.

Samuel, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. David Good, living seven miles northeast of the city in Whitmore township, fell on the ice while at school Friday and severely injured his spine. Dr. W. B. Postelner, who was called to attend him, found the injury quite serious and thinks it will prevent him from attending school for a few weeks at least.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Ruddolls, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

William Calder, aged 73 years, died Sunday at Gifford.

Prosperity comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Mrs. Helen Allen of Kankakee has inherited \$50,000 from Mrs. Frank Lockwood, Belle and Nellie Allen of the same place receive \$3885 each from the \$71,000 estate of the late Thomas Allen of Glencair.

It is easy to catch a cold and just as easy to get rid of it if you commence early to use One Minute Cough Cure. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take, safe to use and sure to cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Freeman Jones of Lincoln, aged 83 years died instantly while in his chair Wednesday. He had been feeble and sick a good while.

Many have lost confidence and hope as well as health, because they have been told their kidney disease was incurable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy for the discouraged and disconsolate. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The Lincoln National Bank statement shows an increase in loans and discounts of \$18,000, and in deposits of \$15,000 over the October statement.

CHRISTMAS LONG AGO

Celebrations "Then" and "Now" Told by Old Residents of Decatur.

CHATS WITH THE REPUBLICAN REPORTER

Reminiscences by Mrs. Dr. Johns, I. Baldwin, J. F. Montgomery, Thomas Hays, Mrs. A. A. Powers and Mrs. King--War Time Christmas in the South.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Very few indeed of the boys and girls of today who were so eagerly awaiting the revelations of today and the result of the visit of Santa Claus realize what they owe to this liberal old saint and his immense corps of assistants, and would never dream in the midst of the modern deluge of toys and Christmas gifts on what a small scale the workshop of Santa Claus was conducted at the time in which their grandparents made his acquaintance. As in every other business it seems to have required a number of years of experience for Santa Claus to find out just what was needed in this particular line, but the knowledge once gained, has been made use of in every way possible and every opportunity has been taken advantage of by which the Christmas of the children of today might be made as complete as possible, and in most cases expectations and stockings have been generously filled. In fact, a few of the older in years and more experienced in Christmas giving and receiving have been heard to make remarks which were suggestive of a feeling that could not be called unalloyed pleasure at his munificence and the obligations which were thereby entailed. But while the modern Christmas has its drawbacks for a few, it gives pleasure to many, and the man, woman or child would be hard to find who would willingly do away with any feature of the observance of the day.

The Christmas of "Then" or of 50 or 75 years ago, James F. Montgomery said, in answer to the question as to how the day had been observed by him in his boyhood, was very different from the Christmas of "Now." "I have no recollection of believing in a Santa Claus at that time. We did not hang up our stockings and very few gifts were exchanged. No doubt Santa would have visited us had we made the preparations to receive him," Mr. Montgomery smilingly added, "but we did not know then he was particularly so at that point, and the stockings were not hung up. The few gifts which we received were always of the most simple kind. Mother always baked fancy cakes for us and we were sometimes given useful and needed articles of clothing. I remember one time when I was older however, that I wanted very much to give a Christmas present to some one I was particularly fond of and father promised to pay me for cutting wood and allow me to use the money for that purpose, but when the time came I could not decide what to buy and did not get it after all. The chief feature of the day was the great dinner to which all the neighbors were invited and we children anticipated being allowed to help in preparing for this occasion. We always had turkey for this dinner and I do not remember a Christmas that turkey was not principal part of the Christmas dinner. There was a custom observed at this time which I used to enjoy very much when I was allowed to assist in observing it. The boys would form a party on Christmas eve and go from house to house with guns and shoot until the occupants came out and invited them in and treated them to cider, doughnuts and home made candies."

Thomas Hays said: "I remember that we hung up our stockings as the boys and girls do now but we did not believe so much in Santa Claus. The presents we received were simple homemade gifts, some fruit and candy or other gifts equally simple. My earliest recollections of the day are of a great dinner which would be given by one of the neighbors and to which the entire settlement was invited and would come for miles around and spend the day. In the evening the younger members of the party would dance and play games, blind-man's bluff and other games that were popular at that time. We would also roast chestnuts, drink cider and frequently there would be a candy pull in which everyone would take a part. We observed the day as a holiday but there was no importance attached to the exchanging of gifts and to have gotten up on Christmas morning and find his stockings bulging out and overflowing with remembrances would have caused the boy of 'Then' to believe himself suddenly transported to the land of myths and hobgoblins and in his wildest imagination he never would have dreamed of possessing what the boy of 'Now' is dissatisfied with and thinks inadequate."

Mrs. A. A. Powers talked in a delightful manner of her recollections of a typical old New England Christmas as it was observed at the time when she was a child, and told how they were not taught to expect a visit from Santa Claus but were given some little present and the day was always much of a holiday.

"In the place of the fashionably dressed and gorgeous dolls which come to life with the little girls of today we were delighted with our rag babies. We thought them beautiful and cared for them and combed their imaginary hair with as much pride as the real curls of the dolls of today are dressed by their

little mamma's. We did not anticipate the gifts so much as we did the preparations for the dinner which were begun weeks before Christmas. I remember very distinctly the huge brick oven into which a dozen of pies were baked at the same time. We children enjoyed helping in these preparations and would beg to be allowed to stoke the furnace or heat the batter for the cake and were in a state of excitement for weeks before the time, because of the getting 'ready' for this immense dinner which was always a feature of the day. We were also given gifts of fancy and round cakes and cakes of maple sugar or molasses candy but never expected any other remembrance. The day was observed as a holiday and was more like our Thanksgiving of today."

"How did I spend Christmas when I was a boy? Well, I do not think that we celebrated the day anything like we do now. I remember that on Thursday evening, January 6, at 8 o'clock, the ceremony to be performed by the Rev. W. C. Miller of the Congregational church, of which both Miss Gher and Mr. Hubbard are members. Miss Gher is well known in Decatur and is much liked in the best social circles of which she is a member. She has been connected with the firm of Linn & Scruggs in the mail order department for some time, a position which she will resign tonight. Mr. Hubbard is a son of the late Dr. J. T. Hubbard, ex-postmaster of Decatur, and is now employed in the postoffice as superintendent of the carrier department. The wedding will be a quick one, informal invitations having been given to the members of a young ladies club of which Miss Gher was a member, and the immediate relatives of the families. A house has been fitted up by the groom at 1405 North Main street, which they will take possession of at once.

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1863, with the fall of Vicksburg and the defeat at Gettysburg. With sad faces, harmonizing well with their dresses of course black stuff the women of the south devoted themselves to picking lint and spinning and weaving for husbands, fathers, brothers and sweethearts in the field. Christmas cheer—such as could be obtained—cost a fabulous sum, for one bright golden dollar was then worth \$28 to Confederate money. Sugar was from \$5 to \$10 per pound, turkeys \$30 apiece and flour \$35 per barrel.

"Christmas, 1864—the last Christmas of war times—dawned, and what a gloomy festival it was for the people of the south," says a southern lady. "Of manufactured products we had practically none. Our hallways were made of long, black thras, with a ball of sealing wax on the end. We had made into dresses every scrap of available material, and now our gowns consisted of window curtains 'homespun' and paper muslin or colored calico that had once done duty as a lining, while our feet were encased in homemade cloth shoes. At a Christmas dinner in a typical southern home that day the festive board presented a turkey that had cost \$20, a ham worth \$800, hominy and potatoes correspondingly high prices and black molasses—as dessert—at \$80 per gallon. The Confederate dollar was then worth two cents in gold. Wood was \$100 a cord, beef \$35 a pound, flour \$60 per barrel, but \$10 per pound and sugar \$10 per pound. A was spent in the retro quarters. There was no singing or dancing there as usual. The slaves, having heard of the emancipation proclamation, knew that they were free and had all scattered away. Desolation seemed to reign everywhere."

JANUARY WEDDING.

Charles F. Hubbard and Miss Nellie Gher to be Married in Two Weeks.

The marriage of Miss Nellie Eglington Gher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Gher and Charles F. Hubbard, is announced to take place at the residence of the parents of Miss Gher, at 219 West Main street, on Thursday evening, January 6, at 8 o'clock, the ceremony to be performed by the Rev. W. C. Miller of the Congregational church, of which both Miss Gher and Mr. Hubbard are members. Miss Gher is well known in Decatur and is much liked in the best social circles of which she is a member. She has been connected with the firm of Linn & Scruggs in the mail order department for some time, a position which she will resign tonight. Mr. Hubbard is a son of the late Dr. J. T. Hubbard, ex-postmaster of Decatur, and is now employed in the postoffice as superintendent of the carrier department. The wedding will be a quick one, informal invitations having been given to the members of a young ladies club of which Miss Gher was a member, and the immediate relatives of the families. A house has been fitted up by the groom at 1405 North Main street, which they will take possession of at once.

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The Senatorial District.

The senatorial apportionment bill which passed the house of representatives last week will pass the senate and receive the governor's signature this week. This bill puts Macon county into a senatorial district with Logan and DeWitt counties. Macon, Logan and DeWitt have been former partners. Under the constitution of 1870 the minority representation plan came into existence and the first apportionment under the constitution was in 1872 and the first election in 1874. Under that apportionment Macon and DeWitt counties formed a district. In the election of 1874 the false issues of greenbackism, grangerism and opposition to the resumption of specie payments gave the district to the Democrats. K. H. Rober was the Republican nominee for senator, but he was defeated by Isaac F. Harriott of DeWitt, a greenback-granger-Democratic candidate.

Harriott served four years and W. T. Moffitt of Macon was the Republican nominee and was elected.

In 1874 two Democrats and one Republican were elected to the house of representatives. The Republican was J. H. Taylor of DeWitt. The Democrats were Shaw, Paine and S. S. Luck, both of Macon.

In 1876 the Republicans carried the district, electing as representatives two Republicans and one Democrat. The Republicans were T. J. Abel of Macon and W. L. Chambers of DeWitt. The Democrat was Mr. Luck.

In 1878 the Republicans again carried the district electing to the house George K. Loggins and J. H. Taylor of DeWitt, while B. K. Durfee (Dem.) was elected as the minority candidate.

In 1880 the district again went Republican, I. Lindington of DeWitt and Jason Rogers of Macon both Republicans being elected to the house, while B. K. Durfee was again elected as the minority representative.

In 1884 the state was again redistricted and in this apportionment Macon and Logan counties were placed together, forming a senatorial district. This district was represented in the state senate by Republicans until 1890, when the Democrats carried the district on the false issue of the farmers' alliance. Jason Rogers was senator from 1884 to 1890 and W. C. Johnson from 1890 to 1896 in which year H. Mancke was elected senator.

In the election of 1892 John H. Crocker of Macon and John T. Foster of Logan, both Republicans, were elected to the house and R. H. Templeman (Dem.) of Logan was elected minority representative.

In 1894 the year James G. Blaine was defeated for president the Democrats carried the district, electing to the house R. H. Templeman of Logan and James M. Graham of Macon. The Republicans elected Charles S. Lawrence of Logan.

In 1896 the Republicans carried the district electing to the house W. H. Kretzinger of Logan and William Cronin of Macon. The Democrats elected Hiram L. Pierce of Logan.

In 1898 the Republicans again carried the district, electing to the house D. P. Keller of Macon and W. H. Kretzinger of Logan. The Democrats elected Robert Hill of Macon.

In 1900 the Democrats elected W. S. Smith of Macon and L. B. Springer of Logan. The Republicans got Keller as minority member.

In 1902 the Democrats re-elected W. S. Smith and L. B. Springer and the Republicans elected T. N. Leavitt. The state was then redistricted and Macon was thrown into a district with Moultrie and Christian counties.

Thus in the period from 1874 to 1892, when Macon and DeWitt were together the Republicans elected one senator and eight members of the house, while the Democrats elected one senator and five members of the house.

During the period from 1892 to 1896, both inclusive, when the district was Macon and Logan the Republicans elected two senators and nine representatives, while the Democrats elected one senator and nine representatives.

With the exception of 1894 the Democrats did not carry either one of these districts except on a false issue by which voters were deceived. This history becomes interesting now that old partners have been brought together and consigned under the new apportionment. The advantage will be with the Republicans under normal conditions. If the party puts up good men and forces a vigorous fight, but if it is floundering and weak men are nominated, the district being close the chances will be against it the party.

Trout All Alike.

American I. onomat. The storm center of antagonism to the plan of discriminating duties contemplated in Section 23 of the present tariff law seems to be in a locality which was least expected to disapprove of a tariff in its work and so thoroughly consistent with the principles of protection. Impressed by this consideration the Lowell Mail puts to the opponents of the proposed duty the following pertinent query: "Would the New England congressmen and senators who are opposing section 23 of the new tariff law because it takes away the special privileges enjoyed by the Canadian Pacific railway be in favor of a law admitting to our customs trade a flood of foreign vessels built by a foreign government as auxiliary cruisers and armed in their armaments by a foreign government?"

The principle is the same in both cases. It is fair and just to the owners of American ships and to the American sailors who man them that subsidized ships flying foreign flags shall not be permitted to engage in the American coasting trade, as it is not fair and just to the owners of American railroads and to the millions of more Americans directly dependent

upon these railroads for a livelihood that subsidized foreign railroads shall not be permitted to engage on equal terms in our inland carrying trade?

A railway train is only another form of ship, and if it comes to a comparison of the relative amounts of capital invested and the relative numbers of wage-earners employed on land and on water vessels of transportation it will be found that the land vessels of the United States have many times the best of the argument. American shipping will need years of practical encouragement and assistance in the way of preferential treatment at the hands of the national government before it can approach the railway interests in value and importance.

Discriminating duties are very generally looked upon as a sound, sensible and practical means of building up our merchant marine, and are very cordially approved by the general body of protectionists throughout the United States. This sentiment is quite certain to press itself at the current session of congress in the form of some action looking to the sweeping away of all treaties and agreements that now stand in the way of the enforcement of the scheme of discriminating duties. The country expects that this or some other plan equally effective in promoting the creation of a marine equipment commensurate with the national power and dignity will be taken up and vigorously pressed to a conclusion. But if we are to have discriminating duties, let us not discriminate against any of the carriers of American commerce. Treat all alike.

A Foolish Comparison.

American Economist. Comparisons of the revenue producing powers of the tariff laws of 1894 and 1897 of the first four months of their operation are the favorite stock in trade of free trade apostles. They take the best and the worst periods, respectively, of the two laws as their basis, and are delighted at the bad showing for protection. No one should be misled by such an open-faced manipulation of statistics.

The first four months of the Wilson law of 1894 found the country relatively destitute of imported goods, for with the result of the election of 1892, when the policy of low tariff and no tariff was inaugurated, came a depletion of stocks to the lowest possible point in preparation for the lower duties and lower values certain to come.

With the Dingley law of 1897 the case was diametrically opposite. Its first four months found the country heavily overstocked with goods imported under the lower duties and no duties of the Wilson law. The excess of revenue from this source in the first four months of that law amounted to \$18,000,000.

Therefore, nothing could be more palpably unfair and deceptive than a comparison of revenue results in the first four months of the two laws.

Yet it is this sort of stuff that the free traders mainly rely upon to prove their contention that as a revenue producer the Dingley law is a failure. Intellectuals which are swayed by that kind of argument must be either immature, feeble or in some manner defective.

The Democrats of the national house of representatives have put themselves on record in favor of an indefinite continuation of the flat money principle. Despite the fact that the use made of the paper money of the United States proved the greatest source of embarrassment to their last national administration, a caucus in which 101 of their 156 members of the house participated adopted resolutions pledging the party in congress to oppose the retirement of greenbacks and treasury notes and an increase of national bank circulation. By this action the leaders of the Democratic party again take up the greenback theory under which they marched to defeat and almost annihilation, 30 years or more ago, and now propose to combine it with the free silver proposition under which they suffered defeat in 1896. In doing this they drive still further away from them every business man and business interest and make it apparent that in the coming national election every man who voted for McKinley in 1896 and thousands who unwillingly supported Bryan because he was the candidate of their party will be found bemoaning in the ranks of the Republican party and supporting its candidate as the only representative of sound money and sound financial views.

Senator Teller has certainly developed a great activity about China and proposes to light the confirmation of the newly appointed minister to that country, Minister Bryan of Chicago, on the ground that an experienced diplomat ought to be sent there by the United States to prevent European aggressions. Is Mr. Teller afraid that European civilization in China will carry the gold standard with it? China is a silver country, and has always been a good customer of the silver mine owners of the United States, but should she adopt the gold standard her purchases of this metal would be greatly reduced, and it is said that Mr. Teller is a silver mine owner.

Senator W. E. Mason has announced that he will soon introduce a bill to prevent the adulteration of flour by mixing corn meal with wheat flour. The senator who did consider the fact that there are several sides to this question. First, there is the interest of the corn raiser. Second, there is the interest of the producer of corn flour. Third, there is the interest of the wheat raiser and the producer of wheat flour and last, but not least, is the interest of all the people. All these interests will be involved and considered in the discussion of the proposed measure.

The gross postal receipts for November at 50 of the largest postoffices in the United States amounted to \$3,575,808, being an increase of \$382,533 over the corresponding month of 1896, while the income of railroad earnings for the same month was \$47,935,801 or 16 per cent more than in November, 1896. Yet there are those who claim there is no advance toward prosperity.

Commerce has no raw materials. They are found alone in free trade text books.

After all that endless chain in our currency which bothered Cleveland so much is not troubling the Republican administration.

The response to the president's call upon the American people for relief for the victims of Spanish brutality in Cuba has not been as prompt as expected.

EVOLUTION.

Eda, Republican:—"With most people," says a recent writer in the Republican on the subject of evolution, "it is much easier to believe the Bible statements, 'God made man in His own image,' 'The Lord formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.'"

Doubtless the statement is true as yet, but the dawn of an era when the theory of evolution will be commonly accepted by the people is already at hand, in spite of a tenacious over-conservatism which clings to a belief that is scarcely less than a superstition. In the days of Galileo also it was doubtless much easier for most people to believe the orthodox teaching that the sun, and not the earth, moves. Today the Copernican theory is believed by every child, and yet that theory would be as difficult to prove to the mind of the man who thought it to be incompatible with his religious doctrine, as it is to prove the truth of evolution under similar circumstances.

The theory of evolution is simply the idea that in biology, as in every other department of nature, everything progresses continuously, according to certain laws and by means of resident forces; and that no event in nature can stand independent and isolated, but has a direct causal relation to something immediately preceding and something immediately following, that it is truly an event—a natural, gradual outcoming. It is opposed to the old supernaturalism, which attributes phenomena not immediately understood to special and direct divine acts. Instances of evolution of the lower order are familiar to everyone, as the development by gradual, natural process of an egg into a chick. The development of the human or animal embryo, the growth of the individual from infancy to maturity, and the unfolding of the mind by means of education or with advancing age, are all instances of evolution. Phases of social evolution are shown in history where constitutions, governments, social systems and beliefs are seen to progress gradually from simple to complex, from crudity toward perfection. The thing to be observed is that in all these instances change and variation are the chief features and that no state, condition or event comes supernaturally, but is usually related to some natural state, condition or event immediately preceding and immediately following.

In view of so many instances of evolution in nature all around us, may we not conclude, indirectly, even without the striking evidence offered by science, that evolution is a universal law of nature and that it has been the cause of the divergent species we see about us—species that originated from one or a few simple primitive types?

It is true the evolutionary theory makes God as the prime creator infinitely remote, but all things in nature offer striking suggestions of God's remoteness as a shaper of matter. The fall grown fowl was not created in an instant out of hand but was evolved from an egg, which was produced by another fowl similarly evolved, and so on back through the ages. From the analogy offered in nature by the evolution of particular individuals from embryo to maturity, it is as hard to believe in the special and independent creation of each species as it would be to believe that every mature individual in nature whose growth we had not witnessed was a special creation and was not evolved from an embryo, but made out of hand, full grown and fully developed as we now see it.

God indeed breathed the breath of life into man's nostrils, but is it possible for the rational mind to believe that this was done literally as stated? Evolution explains to a large extent through what means this breath of life was transmitted from God to man. At first not to man, but to some lower form, was given, and then by means of living nature it was finally transmitted to man himself. For in spite of a meaningless theological jargon, which presupposes the existence of a something somewhere only in our own cerebrums, the instinctive feeling, whether confessed or not, lies deep in our breasts that the difference between man and other animals is not essential, but rather one of degree. So-called orthodox tries to dull such ideas, it is true, but we have but to bide our time, and after a vigorous resistance orthodox will, as so often in the past, be shown of another of its past fairy tales, and, forced to follow in the wake of science or perish, will accept this "monstrous heresy" of evolution as it has been forced to accept Galileo's heresy.

Instead of "a nonsensical jargon of abstractions," the evolutionary theory is the exact reverse, while the independent creation theory itself is the nonsensical hood of folly, "without father bred." The idea of evolution as a universal law of nature is one of the grandest in the realm of truth. It pushes back the mystery of origin an immeasurable distance, and constrains out of hitherto seeming chaos a sublime system of law and order whose possibilities for the future are incalculable. It smacks of the truth without proof and needs but to be conceived clearly to be accepted.

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WASHINGTON NEWS.

Latest Echoes from the National Capitol and the White House.

COMMISSIONER EVANS AND PENSIONS

Great Britain to Pay Uncle Sam \$464,000—Iowa Republicans—Ohio Legislature Safe for Senator Hanna.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(From Our Regular Correspondent.)—President McKinley believes that the existing critical condition of affairs in the far east, owing to the grabbing of Chinese territory by Germany and the contemplated grabbing by other European nations makes it imperative that the annexation of Hawaii should be speedily consummated, and he has lost no opportunity since congress adjourned for the recess to impress his views of the matter upon such senators as have called on him. He may send a special message to the senate, urging immediate disposition of the annexation treaty, but that has not yet been definitely determined upon, and will probably depend upon whether the senate shows a disposition to speedily bring the treaty to a vote or merely starts in to kill time in a windy discussion of the subject. The president shares the belief of Senator Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, that sufficient votes to ratify the treaty can be obtained in the senate.

Hon. H. Clay Evans, commissioner of pensions, says on a much discussed subject: "The cry of pension frauds has become so common of late that the people do not regard it seriously. It was for the purpose of proving the fallacy of this charge that I recommended to congress, and will urge in a bill, after the holidays, the publication of a complete list showing each pensioner, his address, disability and amount of pension received, which would do more to stop this idle chatter than anything this department can say. The possibilities of disabilities are great, and everyone knows a man apparently in the best of health, attending to his daily duties, may have a disability which entitles him to a pension. This is hard for some people to see. Perhaps, if they had an X-ray apparatus with them, there would be no difficulty. This list would show what was the matter with such men and why they received pensions. But best of all, it would bring to light the frauds which do exist, and we all know there are some. But I say without fear of contradiction that in no other business enterprise where so large an amount of money is distributed, are there so few mistakes."

Had Senator Wilson, of the state of Washington, who is one of the most accomplished and obliging men in congress, known that one of the yellow journals of New York—the yellowest of them all—intended to make him have a personal encounter with a member of the house, in the private office of Attorney General McKenna, he might not have left Washington in advance of the alleged occasion, but as the yellow fellow didn't inform him, he went away from Washington before he was made to engage in that scrap, and has not yet returned.

There was no surprise in Washington at the verdict of the British American commission, chosen to assess the damages for seizures of British ships in Behring Sea by the United States. The total amount of damages claimed was about \$1,500,000, and during the last administration Secretary Gresham and agents of Great Britain agreed upon the sum of \$435,000, and Mr. Cleveland asked congress to appropriate the money, but congress refused. Then a commission to settle the matter was provided for. With the official record of a president and a secretary of state having said that \$125,000 ought to be paid, there was no possibility of our representatives on the commission getting a lesser amount named. The award is \$404,000. President McKinley will forward this finding to congress in order that the money may be appropriated and paid.

Mr. C. D. Stuytson of Iowa, who spent Christmas in Washington, is proud of the Republican party of his state, of which he says: "The Republican party in Iowa is better organized, better managed and has better discipline than in any other state in the union. The Iowa Republicans number in their ranks a goodly list of able men, but for years they have with unanimous accord agreed to abide by the leadership of one whom they all revere and admire—Hon. Wm. B. Allison. It is worth while belonging to a party that acts in such a spirit of union and displays so much sound sense in politics. The result of good leadership and loyal following in Iowa is seen in the long continued domination of the Republicans. If the Republicans were as sensible and free from internal bickering elsewhere as in Iowa, their ascendancy in the nation would be permanent."

Most men who know anything at all about the subject will admit that there is no man who knows Ohio politics better than President McKinley. Knowing this, and that President McKinley has not had a single doubt of the election of Senator Hanna by the Ohio legislature, is why the ridiculous stories of defections among Republican members of the legislature have found no credence in Washington, either among Senator Hanna's enemies or his friends.

Telephone at Poor Farm. The Citizens' Mutual Telephone company is putting in the wire for the new telephone at the poor farm. The telephone will be in operation in a few days.

Harrington Bros., of Monticello, put on 156 horses above one day last week.

AT THE GRAND.

Edward E. Rice's latest success, "The Girl From Paris," crowds every theatre it plays to overflow, just as it did the Herald Square Theatre at every presentation. The secret of the success of the latest venture of Mr. Rice is its up-to-date spirit. It is thoroughly in touch with the times. There is something which pleases everybody in it—from the child at the matinee to the jaded man of business at the evening performance. The music of "The Girl From Paris" is singularly pretty and catchy, the mirth unbounded and spontaneous, and the action crisp, not lagging. The cast is an exceptionally strong one; not only are the members artists of repute, but each one has a part to present which perfectly suits his or her peculiarities. It numbers some 50 persons. The production will be presented here on Friday night, December 31, by Mr. Rice's organization, with all the stage settings, used at the Herald Square theatre.

Saturday Night. "The Heart of Chicago," a powerful melodrama, at the scenes of which are laid in Chicago, will be the next attraction at the Grand, Saturday night. It is said to contain a strong plot and to be well put together. Scenically "The Heart of Chicago" is said to be very strong. Realistic representations of the great Chicago fire, the Masonic Temple Roof Garden at night, a panoramic view of the South Side, showing all the important streets and buildings between Madison and State streets and from the lake to the river and an absolutely new railroad scene are among the accessories employed.

"The Sporting Duchess" will be the attraction at the Grand on the night of January 5. Six horses are used on the stage in this production, and there are over 60 people in the company.

Whiteides in "Hamlet." On next Monday evening at the Grand Walker Whiteides, the eminent tragedian, will appear in "Hamlet." Mr. Whiteides has a splendid supporting company.

Church Wedding To Night. From the Daily of Wednesday. This evening at 7:30 o'clock at the College street chapel will occur the marriage of Miss Jessie Darling and Harker H. Hooper, the ceremony to be performed by Rev. W. H. Penhalligon of the First Presbyterian church. Miss Darling is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Darling, of 1704 North Edward street, and is a bright, lovable girl who has many friends in the city. She is a graduate of the Decatur High schools, having been a member of the class of '95, and has since been teaching near Mt. Zion. Mr. Hooper is the son of a prominent farmer of near Mt. Zion and has a cozy and well furnished home prepared, to which they will go this evening, immediately after the informal reception, which will be given at the home of the parents of the bride, following the ceremony. The wedding will be very quiet and informal, only the immediate friends and relatives of the couple being present. Miss Darling has been a teacher in the Sunday school of the College street chapel for some time and was one of the four pupils who attended the Sunday school when it was first started. For this reason it was especially desired by her that her marriage should take place at the chapel, which has been beautifully decorated by her friends and co-workers for the happy occasion. Two little flower girls will attend them, Misses Iona Gilbert and Florence Love. The members of the chapel Sunday school will present the couple a handsome dinner set.

Now is the Time. A delay in having your chronic trouble attended to cannot result in any good but must necessarily render it more deep seated and complicated. Besides this the longer it goes on the more difficult it is to cure and the more time it requires. To start the many who have never tried his treatment on the high road to recovery at the season of the year most favorable to begin, Dr. Appelman will, on his coming visit, Monday, January 3, at the St. Nicholas, make a liberal reduction from his established fee to all who call. In fact no charge, except cost of medicine furnished will be made. Now is the time, and all nervous disease sufferers should avail themselves of this opportunity.

Mrs. Naomi Cole of Voorhies is in the city today for treatment for chronic catarrh, which has developed from a peculiar accident which she met with on Sunday afternoon. While driving along the road near her home an overhanging branch from a hedge caught on the buggy and flew back, striking her in the left eye. A small twig penetrated the pupil and has caused Mrs. Cole much suffering, and Dr. M. Brandom, whom she called upon for treatment, thinks will result in the loss of the eye.

Miss Carrie Stewart, teacher in the schools at Dixon and sister of Miss Alta, who is attending school at Normal were guests of Decatur friends yesterday and today, en route to their home at Orleans, where they will spend the holidays.

The first shipment of coal and lumber has been made to the new station of Middletown, on the St. L. P. & N. railway. Z. Graff will build a grain elevator there.

The largest bounty order for sparrows given out at Urbana was \$10.75 for killing 686 sparrows.

L. A. Bulkup of Greenfield has bought 300 acres of land in Barr township, McCoubin county.

C. S. Hopkins, real estate dealer, has moved his office rooms from the second floor of the Powers building to room 816 on the third floor.

Miss Nellie Veale, who has been visiting with friends here, has returned to Chicago.

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And there are others, but the list would be so long it would tire you reading about them. When you are ready, come in and see the stock. Nothing nearly equal to it in Decatur.

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"BEST EGYPTIAN JERSEY"

H. C. Anthony

DECATUR, ILL.

THE DAY IN DECATUR

How Christmas Is Being Celebrated By Residents Of This City.

THE SALVATION ARMY FEED THE POOR

Services at the Catholic and Episcopal Churches--
Family Dinner Parties--At the Jail and Poor
Farm--The Turners' Christmas--
Basket-Ball Game.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Christmas was celebrated in Decatur today in the usual manner. There were no special festivities and most everyone seemed to be enjoying the day in their own homes. There were a good many family dinner parties and quite a number of persons from out of the city are here to visit relatives. Many of the Decatur people went away to stay until Monday. The city was very quiet this morning as all the stores and business houses were closed. A basket ball game and the matinee this afternoon and the entertainment at the opera house this evening are about the only places where anything special is held.

The day, however, is as well observed as ever. It was thought that the hard times would injure the holiday trade but the Christmas business far surpassed anything that the merchants expected. The streets last night were lined with people who stayed late making purchases. The express wagons today were loaded and many are receiving gifts from abroad. However hard the times or whatever the conditions may be the people will always observe Christmas and make the most of the day, and that the people of Decatur are now doing.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE

Held at All Angels' Episcopal Church by Rev. Bedford Jones--Services at St. John's Church.

Special Christmas services were held this morning at All Angels' Episcopal church. The first service took place last night at 11:15 p. m. and continued until 1 o'clock this morning. The pastor, Rev. Bedford Jones, officiated, and there was a good attendance. The service was the most elaborate ever held in the church. The full vested choir rendered the music and there was an orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Johnson. The choir entered the church singing the hymn "Thy Kingdom Come, Oh God," and later in the service sang "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." The offertory solo was by John Patin. His selection was an anthem from "Gounod's 'Naxos' and he sang especially well. The recessional hymn of the choir was "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." All of the music by the choir was excellently rendered. The holy communion was celebrated by Rev. Bedford Jones at midnight. The church was decorated and lighted and the services were quite impressive.

At St. John's Episcopal church an early service was held at 8 o'clock when the communion was celebrated. The main service and communion was at 10:30 a. m. when Rev. Bedford Jones officiated and the same music as given at All Angels' church was rendered by the vested choir of the mission. There was a large attendance and the church was decorated with green and flowers.

AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Special Christmas Services. Conducted by Rev. Father Toppo This Morning.

Special Christmas services were conducted by Rev. Father Toppo today at St. James' German Catholic church. Christmas is one of the most important seasons in the Catholic church and the services are elaborate. The first high mass today at 8 a. m. when there was a large attendance. The choir rendered special music and their work reflected great credit upon their leader, A. Spaeth. Prof. Seiden and Bernard and James Speech rendered instrumental accompaniment.

The little church was lighted with candles and decorated as it was presented an impressive scene. The decorations of the church were arranged by the sisters and they made a special effort in carrying out the work. On the altar were flowers and greenery and in the chancel was a representation of the infant Christ in the manger. There was a mass at 8 a. m. but the second high mass was at 10 o'clock. Solemn vespers will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Christmas for the children of the Sunday school and parochial school will not be held until New Year night. There will also be a Christmas tree and a treat will be arranged for the children.

AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

Masses Held This Morning by the Pastor, Rev. Father Toppo. The Masses Held by the Choir.

The services at St. Patrick's Catholic church today were largely attended. The first mass was at 8:30 o'clock when the church was crowded. Solemn high mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Father P. J. Meehan and the choir rendered Rosemary mass. The church was handsomely decorated for Christmas. Another mass was said at 9 o'clock and at 10:30 o'clock there was a second high mass celebrated by Rev. Father Brady. This afternoon there will be vespers at 3:30 o'clock. The choir rendered special music for Christmas. They have been practicing for some time past and sang today the diffi-

cult music in a most creditable manner. Prof. Nicks presided at the organ and was assisted by an orchestra. The choir was composed of the following persons: Misses Milligan, Houston, Peake, Kennedy and O'Brien, and Mrs. James Moran and Messrs. Peake, Mulcahy, Brown and Shafer.

At the early service this morning there were many in attendance besides the members of the church and the service was one of the most beautiful that has ever been held in the church.

FEEDING THE POOR CHILDREN.

The Salvation Army Is Giving a Dinner to the Unfortunates of the City.

Those who are enjoying Christmas dinner today will be gratified to know that the poor children of the city have not been forgotten. The members of the Salvation Army at noon today opened their barracks on Merchant street to serve a Christmas dinner to the youngsters who are so unfortunate that they have no dinner at home. The members of the army are all acquainted with the poor of the city as they are constantly carrying on charitable work and all of them were notified of the feast. Before noon the children began to gather at the barracks. The smaller ones were first seated at the tables and the larger ones were afterward served. The members of the army have been canvassing the city and they received large contributions from the business men so that they were enabled to give the children a fine dinner. They had turkey, vegetables, fruits, pies and candles and other little things to fill out the bill of fare. The children ate as though they had not had anything since last Christmas and as a matter of fact many of them had not had a good square meal for a long time. While doubtless some very excellent dinners were given in Decatur today there were probably none which were enjoyed as thoroughly and which brought as much joy as the one at the Salvation Army barracks.

JAIL AND POOR FARM.

The inmates of the County Institutions are Not Forgotten on Christmas.

The prisoners in the county jail are having a good Christmas today. Sheriff J. P. Nicholson served them their annual Christmas dinner. A neat of turkey, mince pie and all the other necessary side dishes were prepared and given to the men at noon and each had all that he could possibly eat. There were about 40 prisoners who had dinner at the jail today.

At the Poor Farm. Christmas at the county poor farm will be celebrated tomorrow. Saturday is wash day at the farm and for that and several other reasons the celebration was postponed until Sunday. Mrs. Burley, the wife of the steward, has prepared a fine dinner for the inmates and the day will be made as pleasant for the unfortunate people as possible. Handkerchiefs will be presented to the men and women and each will receive some little gift. The inmates at the farm now number 43.

At the Millikin Home. The inmates of the Anna B. Millikin home were given a turkey dinner today. A nice spread was prepared by the matron, Mrs. Wyckoff. They had all the good things to eat that they wanted and enjoyed themselves. The old ladies at the home received Christmas gifts and the little children last night hung up their stockings and had them filled.

THE TURNERS' CHRISTMAS. There will be a celebration at the Turner Hall Sunday Night. The members of the Turner society will hold a Christmas celebration at their hall on Sunday evening. The opera house orchestra will be in attendance to furnish music. An admission will be charged to those who are not members. During the first part of the evening a program will be given. There will be a recitation by Carl Walters, singing by a chorus, a recitation by Irene Wetland, a violin solo by Olga Keok, flute solo by Carl Walters, a recitation by Pauline Blank and a recitation by Sallie Grubel. The members of the program will be interspersed with selections by the orchestra.

After the program there will be a treat for the children. A large Christmas tree will be arranged on the stage and Santa Claus will appear and present the young people with candy and presents.

The Turners have provided every arrangement to make their entertainment a success. The hall and stage will be decorated with greens and bolly and refreshments will be served to the patrons during the evening.

FAMILY DINNERS.

Many of the Decatur People Will Celebrate Christmas Today in Their Homes.

Quite a number of family dinner parties are being given in the city today. Many are entertaining friends and relatives from out of the city and most all will today bestow considerable attention to turkey

and mince pie. Below are given the places where they will entertain:
Dr. and Mrs. O. T. Eddy, at their home, 485 North Jackson street, entertained at 1 o'clock dinner, the guests being Mrs. C. E. Miller of Terra Haute, Ind., and H. T. Eddy of Chicago.
Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Shultz, of West William street, give a dinner today. Their company will be composed of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Morgan of this city and niece of Springfield, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sellers.
At their home, 188 East Decatur street today Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hartley entertained at dinner their sons, Joseph Hartley of Cairo, Ill., and Arthur Hartley and wife.

Attorney and Mrs. J. M. Gray gave a large dinner party today at their home on West William street. Their guests included J. H. Belt and wife, Mrs. V. N. Belt and son, Harry Belt, of Bunker Hill, Ill., and J. K. Francis and daughter of St. Louis.

T. M. Pratt gives a family dinner party today at his home at the corner of North College street and Prairie avenue. The party includes Misses Elta and Nellie Pratt, Charles Pratt, Mrs. E. B. Pratt, Miss Abbie Pratt, and H. I. Baldwin and family.

A family dinner party was given today by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Conklin at their home, 758 North Monroe street. The company included J. H. Conklin, V. W. Conklin and family, V. E. Conklin and wife, Guy T. Conklin and children and Ralph and Grover Conklin.

Dr. and Mrs. M. V. Loneragan entertained a number of their friends at Christmas dinner at their home, 1078 West Decatur street. Their guests included John Wilson and family, of Casser, Miss Clara Wilson, Miss Sue Jones and Miss Ada Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Halmbacher entertained their daughter, Mrs. Dutzbaach, and their son, Otis Halmbacher, of Indianapolis, at dinner today.

Mrs. R. D. Wilson entertained the members of the Wilson family at Christmas dinner party at noon today. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilson and children, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ribber and children of Blue Mound, and A. Wilson and family.

At their home on West Main street today Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roush entertained at dinner. Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Roush and Mrs. C. E. Hallack and family were the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bunn gave a noon dinner today at their home on Wood street entertaining Mrs. Frank Bunn and children, Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Burke, of Atlanta, and Mrs. M. E. Rockwell and daughter of Taylorville.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Roberts entertained the members of their family at dinner at their home on West Main street.

George S. Duffee and wife gave a dinner to the members of their family and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Griswold and children.

WORSE THAN WEYLER

Blanco Has Ordered a Cuban Father to March to His Death.

CRUEL DECREE BY SPANISH GENERAL

Death Awaits Jose Robau if He Refuses to Obey--All for "Autonomy"--

And Still the People Will be Asked for Aid.

Havana, Dec. 24.—The case of Colonel Ruiz has frightened the Spaniards here, and for the moment all attempts to send Spanish commissioners to the insurgent lines with proposals for surrender have been given up.

A cruel order of General Blanco is now to be executed on a helpless old man, Jose Robau, father of the well known insurgent commander, Jose Luis Robau. The old man is threatened with death if he refuses to go to Sagua, where his son is operating, and deliver him a written invitation to surrender to the Spanish.

"Between being shot by us and hanged by your son, you may choose."

This is the dilemma being put to Robau by General Blanco.

Panic in Havana. A panic prevails among the Cuban families in Havana on account of the threatening attitude of the Conservatives. It is expected that the death of Colonel Ruiz will be avenged on the Cuban residents of this city.

The hatred of the uncompromising Spaniards against Mr. Lee has also increased, and El Pueblo says that it is a shame to Spain that the American consul was authorized to send commissioners to the insurgent camp asking the pardon of a Spanish officer.

AN APPEAL FOR CUBA.

The United States to Give Aid to the Non-Combatants at Once.

Washington, Dec. 24.—An appeal to the generosity of the American people in behalf of the starving Cubans will be made very shortly. It will have all of the force which endorsement of its merits by this government can give it. Arrangements are about completed for the admission of contributions from this country free of duty. Provision has also been made for distribution in such a way that the gifts may be certain their charity will reach those for whom it is intended, the non-combatant population, the so-called reconcentrados. It may be that this government will constitute the consular service in Cuba the medium through which the relief shall reach the sick and starving thousands. This government will certify to the great need of help on the strength of the most recent reports of non-combatants all parts of the island. These reports

show that Spanish resources are utterly inadequate to meet the demands, and that no matter how willing the new captain general may be to change conditions the starvation and consequent mortality must go on, unless the president of the United States comes to the rescue. The American consuls place the number of suffering people at about 250,000. Most of them are too far gone to take advantage of the new orders permitting them to return to the cultivation of the soil, even if these orders are given in good faith, which some of the consuls very much doubt. Between these hundreds of thousands of pacifics and death from starvation there is nothing now but the possibility of succor from the United States. It has been hard for Spanish pride to admit even tacitly the horrors of the situation. After much negotiation the admission has been practically made, and the people of the United States will be given to understand that Spain will gladly welcome help in the undoing of Weyler's awful work.

Where Jane Came In.

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The man had taken an hour to explain all about his patent churn to the old farmer, and though the latter said he guessed he didn't want to invest he invited the other out to his farm to stay over Sunday. The invitation was accepted, and the churn man was so well used that when Monday morning came he was enthusiastic in his praise of agricultural hospitality.

"I shall remember this little event for a good many years to come," he said to the farmer.

"Well, I shouldn't wonder if you did," was the reply.

"It was a stranger to you, and yet you have shown me the truest hospitality."

"Yes, I guess you've had a good time." "A glorious time, sir—a glorious time. Your motherly wife has made things pleasant, and your daughter Jane has been so solicitous to my welfare."

"Yes, I wanted you to meet Jane," said the farmer, as he picked at the bark of a plum tree.

"She is a noble young woman, sir—a daughter to be proud of. I may go further, sir, and say to you that under other circumstances my admiration for her might develop into a stronger sentiment."

"What other circumstances?"

"Why, if I wasn't a married man. Yes, sir, if I was not already bound by the ties of wedlock I am sure I would—"

"So you are a married man?" queried the farmer.

"Most certainly."

"But you didn't say so when we were talking about the churn."

"Perhaps not; but the question did not arise. I will now reiterate my thanks and start for town. Again I tell you—"

"Married for sure?" interrupted the farmer.

"Why, of course. So you took me for a single man, eh?"

"That's what I thought. It looked to me like a chance for Jane. Had a good time?"

"A royal time, sir, thanks to you."

"Glad to hear it. But it wasn't a chance for Jane the bill will be four dollars, and if you want me to drive you to town that will be 50 cents extra! Mebbe I could get more if I bring a law-suit or a breach of promise case, but I'll take what I said and call it square. Glad you've had a pretty good time. We are all willing to do anything to make visitors happy!" M. QUAD.

An Unmistakable Suggestion.

"Well," said Mr. Meeklin, affably, "I suppose you are going to hang up your stocking on Christmas eve."

His wife replied with an icy glare.

"Come, come, Henrietta, the lapse of years should not make us disregard the good old custom."

"I certainly shall not hang up any stocking this Christmas."

"Why not?"

"For the very simple, but conclusive, reason that a seal-skin saque makes entirely too large a package to be contained in a stocking."—Washington Star.

A Strong Reality.

"I don't see anything smart in those jokes about women giving their husbands a box of cigars at Christmas," remarked Mrs. Stinson in a discontented voice.

"Nor, I, my dear," responded Stinson. "If they're anything like the signs you gave me last Christmas, I'm sure they're no joke."—Detroit Free Press.

Redeemed.

She—What a lovely watch you have. Mr. Short. Was it a Christmas present?

He—Yes.

She—From some rich relative, I presume?

He—Yes, an uncle—Up-to-Date.

In Doubt.

"Christmas comes but once a year," And once is quite enough; For otherwise, I am not clear Where I would get the stuff.

—Town Topics.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month, with good results." H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Dr. Littlejohn of Farmer City will appeal for a rehearing of the malpractice case decided against him at Clinton, claiming the damages assessed were excessive in view of the court's instructions and the evidence.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. W. Bell or N. L. Krone and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

Charles C. Blain, aged 53 years, a prominent business man of Kankakee, died instantly while sitting in his chair.

THERE IS A CLASS OF PEOPLE

who are in the way of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grain, which takes the place of coffee. The new product is so good that it is without doubt, and but one can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great pleasure. It is 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

AUTONOMY, "NIT."

Spaniards Unable to Subject the Cubans by Dire Threats or Big Bribes.

TWO OF BLANCO'S MEN HANGED.

Cubans Say the Independence of the Island Must be Recognized—Nothing Short of That Will Answer—No Surrender.

Havana, Dec. 23.—The news is circulating here that General Jesus Rabi, second in command of the insurgent army in Santiago de Cuba, has hanged two commissioners sent to him by General Pando with offers of autonomy and a large reward if he would surrender.

One of the guides was released and sent back to Pando with a letter from Rabi, in which the Cuban commander said:

"If you think our law sentencing to death those who come to us from the Spanish camp with such proposals does not mean what it says, you will now be convinced to the contrary."

"Until Spain recognizes the independence of Cuba we shall answer the Spaniards only with death. If you want to take our lives in revenge, come and take them."

Spain Resorts to Bribery.

Havana, via Key West, Dec. 23.—The insurgents found on the body of Col. Joaquín Ruiz a letter from Captain General Blanco authorizing Ruiz to offer \$100,000 to Col. Nestor Aranguren and a high price to Aranguren's father, who is now in the United States. General Blanco gave pledges in his letter that both promises would be fulfilled immediately after the return of Aranguren to Havana with Colonel Ruiz.

The latter extended a similar offer to Col. Raoul Arango if Aranguren, after accepting the terms should use his influence with his friend Arango to that end.

Ruiz was not in uniform when he met Aranguren. He left his uniform at an inn in Campo Florido, and went to the insurgent lines in a white suit and wearing a straw hat.

Weyler Denounces Autonomy.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—General Weyler, in an interview just published, is quoted as denying formally that there is hope of the success of autonomy. The general is also quoted as saying that if the Spanish government persisted in autonomy Spain will lose Cuba in a few months.

In conclusion, General Weyler said he opposed the dissolution of the chamber until the government renounced its policy of giving Cuba an autonomous form of government.

Spanish Feeling.

New York, Dec. 23.—Senator Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, who is in town, has given the contents of a telegram from Senator Jose Góngora, secretary of the government in Cuba, which includes the following telegram from Senator Carlos Garcia, autonomous governor of the province of Santa Clara, to General Blanco: "The Governor of Santa Clara to the Governor General: Not in my official capacity, but as a Cuban autonomist, I condemn with all the force of my soul the cruel act of villany perpetrated on the defenseless and chivalrous Lieutenant Colonel Ruiz by a body of men who claim themselves Cubans, and who say they aim at the independence, not the liberty of Cuba. The moment has arrived when the immediate majority of the Cuban people, under the new legal rule of liberty and law, protests as one man against the acts of devastation and cruelty which are an opprobrium to civilization, a scandal to the laws of society, and a denial of all respect to human feelings."

The passiveness of yesterday should be changed today to unceasing activity until, within a brief space, the pacification of the country, recommended to the efforts of the people generally, is obtained, after the triumph of the autonomous ideal as blood reparation to justice. The generous blood of Lieutenant Colonel Ruiz, immolated in the cause of conciliation and peace, will hasten the moment of peace in Cuba."

Senator Góngora's cable to Senator de Lome says:

"The press of the island and public opinion generally, even those that sympathize with the insurrection, express the same sentiment."

Senator Carlos Garcia was a colonel under General Máximo Gómez in the 10 years' war.

Lieutenant Colonel Ruiz was not an aid to General Blanco. He belonged to the Royal Engineers, and held a civil position as head of the Havana water works.

He organized the Havana volunteer fireman on American principles, and at one time was at the head of the corps. He had frequently been in the United States, and had many friends here.

Cuban Officer's Confidence.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Not since the Cuban war began has the means of communication between the United States and the insurgents been so easy and prompt as it is at present. A letter dated December 11, in the camp of Gomez, Santa Clara province, reached Washington today. It is full of hope of early success of the revolution.

"No autonomy, not even Canadian home rule," writes the correspondent, who is an officer on the staff of the commanding general, to a personal friend in Washington. "We have got Spain whipped. If not, then we have got the men, well armed, ample ammunition and medicines to do us for three years, with plenty to eat."

There is no mistaking the spirit of easy confidence felt by the writer.

Weyler Looking for Trouble.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—General Weyler has

OUR LAW-MAKERS.

Re-Appportionment Bill Passed by the House by Vote of 79 to 54.

DEMOCRATIC REVENUE BILL IS UP

Failure of the Bank at Philadelphia Due to Depreciation of Securities—Comptroller Eckels Gives Out a Statement.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 23.—In the house Compton. Democrat. introduced the Democratic revenue bill. It provides for a county assessor. Instead of a board of assessors as under the Chicago committee bill. Property to be assessed at a fair cash value. Provision is made for the assessment of notes, bonds, mortgages and other credits. Schubert introduced a revenue bill, an exact counterpart of Realty's bill, except the term of office of the board of assessors shall be three years instead of six. one member to be elected every year.

A Scene.

The house passed the legislative reapportionment bill, 79 to 54. The vote was taken amid the greatest disorder, members on both sides standing up, surging back and forth, and yelling, while others were trying to make themselves heard in speeches. Funk and Scroggin of McLean county, heretofore conspicuous dissenters, simultaneously climbed upon desks, side by side, and a prolonged shout went up from the Republican side. Scroggin said: "I come from one of the greatest counties in this great state, a county that has always sent to the legislature a full Republican delegation, as far as we could send it under the present law. We have in the last 20 years furnished two governors for this great state. We deserve better treatment than we have received, yet I throw aside my own interest, in the interest of the great Republican party." (Deafening applause.)

Funk made a short speech declaring that the committee of 16 had broken faith and he could not vote for the bill until he knew its passage was assured by other votes. This being now assured, he voted for the bill.

The bill appropriating \$7000 to defray the expense of defending the inheritance tax law passed with the emergency clause.

The senate resolution for the holiday recess was concurred in. The senate adopted a joint resolution for adjournment from tomorrow to January 4. Adjourned.

Bank Failure at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—The doors of the Chestnut Street National bank were closed this morning by direction of National Bank Examiner Hardt. The Chestnut Street Trust company, which was operated in conjunction with the bank, also suspended.

Wm. M. Slingerly was president of both institutions. The bank started 10 years ago with a half million capital and Robert E. Pattison was president. When the latter became governor he was succeeded in the presidency by Slingerly. As soon as notice of suspension was posted, a crowd gathered about the door, but there was no special excitement. The bank at all times had a good reputation, but it was known for some time that its business had fallen off considerably.

It is not known to what extent the Trust company's affairs are involved in those of the bank. The statement October 6, showed loans and discounts to the amount of \$2,790,509, United States bonds \$150,000, due from national banks \$288,633, due from agents \$360,733, exchange for clearing house \$174,695, money on hand \$140,040; liabilities: capital stock \$500,000, surplus \$150,000, undivided profits \$24,935, bank notes outstanding \$43,690, due other banks \$640,882, deposits \$2,035,556, cashier's checks outstanding \$126,572, United States deposits \$94,715, bills \$250,000.

The city funds in the bank amount to \$359,554. The bank was also a depository of the national government, but the latter is fully protected by security of \$100,000 in United States bonds. It is said the bank holds the police and firemen's pension funds, the school teachers' pension and annuity fund and the deposits of the Fairmount park commission, including bequests for park improvement. President Slingerly, who was also proprietor of the Daily Record, yesterday laid before the clearing house a proposition to issue \$2,000,000 preferred stock of the Record as collateral for a loan to tide over the bank, but the committee concluded it was not enough to justify the clearing house in advancing the funds needed. It is said no other banks are involved.

Comptroller Eckels

Eckels said the suspension of the Chestnut Street National bank of Philadelphia was primarily due to shrinkage in value of bonds and notes of the Slingerly pulp and paper mills, located at Elkton, Md. The capital of the bank is \$500,000 and deposits aggregate about \$1,700,000, and its surplus \$150,000. They had pulp and paper mill securities taken by the bank which had been regarded as first class by everybody, but since that time paper had fallen in price from 10 cents to less than two, and the securities depreciated in proportion. Comptroller Eckels said there was not the least suspicion of any wrongdoing on the part of anyone connected with the bank and he still had strong hopes of arranging for a voluntary liquidation of the bank's affairs without the expense incident to the appointment of a receiver. He thinks the bank will pay every dollar it owes.

State Caught.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—It is announced by the state treasurer that the state has \$255,000 on deposit in the Chestnut Street National bank, at Philadelphia.

One Minute Cough Cure cures quickly. That's what you want! H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A Champaign drunk ran in by the police had \$175 in his pockets.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested 25 cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds, and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The railroad men of Clinton gave \$73.50 to pay the funeral expenses of their comrade, Mr. Olsen.

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JOHN MACKAY'S TOMB.

Now Being Erected in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

John W. Mackay's "home after death" is rapidly nearing completion. The Mackay tomb, or mausoleum, near the Ninth avenue entrance of Greenwood cemetery, will soon be completed. This structure, which Mr. Mackay has erected after the fashion set by several of New York's prominent men, who built their tombs before they died, is one of the noblest in the metropolis. The approximate cost will be \$300,000. The design was selected by Mrs. Mackay, and John R. Lowe, a sculptor of no small fame, was the man who made the design. Within the tomb is an altar at which any visitor may worship. In the material of the altar is wrought a reproduction in marble of a Madonna painting with which Mrs. Mackay was struck while she was traveling over the continent. The Mackay mausoleum is, within, like a miniature church auditorium. No evidences of the real character of the place appear.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1897.

LOCAL NEWS.

There is a great deal of sickness in and around DeLand, keeping the doctors very busy.

P. F. Gladdis, a Sullivan storekeeper, has made an assignment to A. M. Blythe. Assets, \$403.25; liabilities, \$500.

Ramp, the Monticello horse dealer, is negotiating for a big sale barn in Belmont.

One fire alarm box out of repair in Monticello has caused serious delays in getting to three recent fires and consequent losses.

J. A. Augspurger & Son of Farmer City, have started a wholesale grain business at the former stand of E. S. McClure & Co.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Loucks, aged 57 years, who had taught 27 consecutive years in the Minook schools, died at that place December 17.

An Urbana woman named Victoria Powell was held under \$500 bonds on the charge of being accessory to the robbery of Dr. Bartholomew's house.

Home From the West.
A. C. Stevens arrived home from a trip of several weeks in the west. He visited Des Moines, Iowa, and a number of the cities in Nebraska. Mr. Stevens says that although the times are as hard in the west as they are here the people seem to have good prospects. The wheat crop this year yielded a good deal to the farmers and helped to better the condition of affairs.

FIRE THIS MORNING.

The Tyler House on West Decatur Street badly damaged—Occupied by F. M. Armitage.

From the Daily of Saturday.
The house in the 700 block on West Decatur street owned by B. S. Tyler was badly damaged by fire at 1 o'clock this morning. The house was occupied by F. M. Armitage, a traveling salesman. He had only moved into the house about three weeks ago and had hardly got settled. Fortunately he had taken out \$500 insurance on his household goods. Mrs. Armitage was awakened by a noise and found the house full of smoke. An alarm was turned in and when the firemen arrived the blaze had good headway. The fire started from the furnace in the basement. The kitchen and dining room were entirely gutted and all of the rooms on the lower floor were damaged. Very little furniture was taken out of the house. The loss to Mr. Armitage will be about \$600 and the damage to the house will amount to probably \$500, which is covered by insurance.

Burnt Out.
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Armitage, who occupied the Tyler property on West Decatur street, will have good cause to remember Christmas morning, '97. The fire between 1 and 2 o'clock aroused them unexpectedly and when the fire and smoke and firemen got through, with the domicile there was no comfort anywhere. Everything was cheerless and uninviting. Mr. Armitage and wife will make their home at the Hotel Brunswick for the present.

Switchman Injured.
James McCune, a switchman employed in the Wabash yards, was injured yesterday. He was coupling cars, one of which was loaded with steel rails. One of the rails projected over the end of the car and struck the switchman and pushed him up against the other car. McCune was injured internally, but Dr. W. B. Hostetler who attended him does not think his injuries are serious.

Mrs. Dinges Recovering.
Mrs. J. B. Dinges, who has been seriously ill for some time past at St. Mary's hospital and who had a dangerous surgical operation performed several weeks ago, is rapidly recovering. Yesterday Mrs. Dinges was able to be removed from the hospital to her home on West Main street and the attending physician believes that she will soon be entirely recovered.

Arrested at the Cake Walk.
Hartwell Dunham was arrested last night at the cake walk which was held at the Guards armory. Dunham got into some trouble with two of the colored men and was knocked down. He then drew out a revolver but was arrested by Officers Koshinski and Donahue before he did any damage.

Golden Wedding.
The 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Selberling was quietly celebrated today at the family home at Blue Mound. Four generations of the family were present. The groom is 70 and the bride 75 and both are in fairly good health. Mr. S. has used tobacco since he was a boy.

Finished a Chicken Knife.
This morning Officers Cross and Bailey arrested John McDougal for raising a disturbance in George Sanderson's saloon on North Water street near the railroad. McDougal had a big chicken knife and was going to carve every one in the saloon when the police captured him and took him in the patrol to the city prison.

No Harming.
Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim to perform miracles. It does not claim to cure all cases of consumption or asthma. But it does claim to give comfort and relief in advanced stages of these diseases and to usually cure early stages. It is certainly worth trying by those afflicted or threatened with these dread diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The police of Kankakee have prohibited boys from catching upon sleds and outers in the streets.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your Grocer to day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach requires it without distress. The price of each package, 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

THE SLEETER FUNERAL.

It was held at the German Methodist Church—Tribute to the Deceased.

From the Daily of Thursday.
Several hundred people attended the funeral of the late John H. Sleeter, which was held Wednesday afternoon (December 22) at the German Methodist church at Boody. The services were in charge of Rev. F. W. Schleuter, who delivered the sermon, assisted by Rev. A. M. Danely and Rev. J. S. Keener. The deceased was born January 14, 1850, and died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, December 19, of typhoid fever, leaving a wife and seven children. Mr. Sleeter and Anna M. Harrel were married at St. Joseph, Mo., March 27, 1873, and had made their home at Boody for a number of years before going to Storm Lake, thence to Council Bluffs. The pall bearers at the funeral were N. F. Brown, J. W. Burk, R. D. Huddleston, Ira Warsick, John Pitter and Millard Smith.

Mr. Sleeter was a man of sterling worth and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. On his departure from Storm Lake, Mr. Sleeter was given this letter by Rev. Geo. W. Pratt, pastor of the Storm Lake M. E. church. It was read at the funeral:

"It was my privilege to be the pastor of John H. Sleeter at Storm Lake, Iowa, and to give him and his family certificates of membership upon their removal to Council Bluffs last March. Brother Sleeter was a true Christian, greatly beloved by all the church and held in high esteem by all this community. He was gifted in song, a natural leader in music, and had charge of that department of worship in our church. He not only made melody with his voice, but all felt that he 'Sang with the Spirit.' . . . And with the understanding also." He loved his church; he loved his Saviour and he loved to serve his God. He was devoted to his family and whatever was for their happiness was a delight to him. His wife, now so sadly bereaved, shared with him in his love and care for the church. Each member of the church in Storm Lake feels a personal loss. We had hoped that Brother Sleeter, with his family, might return and be with us again, but God has ordered it otherwise. Our sympathies are extended to the family in their great loss. It is a comfort to know he'll rest with Jesus. . . . 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.'"

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS.

A Number of Marriages Which Took Place in and Near the City Yesterday.

From the Daily of Thursday.
William Meeks and Miss Ella Myers were married at noon yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers, nine and one-half miles southwest of Decatur. Rev. W. L. Bankston of Blue Mound was the officiating clergyman and the wedding march was played by Miss Stella Brown. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to about 80 guests. The couple will begin housekeeping at once on a farm several miles northwest of Niantic. Those from Decatur who were in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Coleman and son, Chester, F. H. Coleman and daughter, and Misses Mabel and Sallie Coleman.

Alexander-Kreher.

The marriage of August Alexander and Miss Anna Kreher occurred last evening at 8 o'clock at the parish residence of St. James' German Catholic church. Rev. Father Toppe officiating. The brother and sister of the bride, John and Miss Clara Kreher, were the attendants. After the wedding a reception was tendered the couple at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kreher, 619 West King street, where about 30 friends were entertained, and an elaborate wedding supper served. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander left at midnight for Bay City, Mich., where the groom is engaged in the lumber business and where the couple will make their home.

Sauer-Lynch.

At St. Patrick's Catholic church yesterday morning at 8 o'clock Frank Sauer and Miss Mollie Lynch were united in marriage. Rev. Father Brady officiated and the attendants were Miss Emma O'Brien of Paola, and James Lynch of this city. The bride wore a blue broadcloth dress trimmed in lace and carried roses. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lynch, No. 388 Wabash avenue. The groom is a section foreman on the main line of the Wabash. The couple left last night for Chicago and on their return home will reside at 1106 North Clinton street.

Segrist-McMillan.

William Segrist and Mrs. Matilda McMillan were married yesterday afternoon at the bride's home No. 145 West Cerro Gerdo street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Huston of Beardale in the presence of the grown children of the bride and groom. A reception was given last evening at the home of John Segrist at Forsyth. The groom is a retired merchant of Forsyth and the bride was also a resident of that town.

Baister-Davis.

William F. Baister and Miss Viola Davis of Forsyth were married yesterday by Judge W. L. Hammer at his office in the court house.

Returned Home.

Edgar White, who last Tuesday night was married to Miss Nellie Kelly at Flora, Ill., has returned to the city with his bride. Miss Kelly was bookkeeper at V. N. Hinkle's store and Mr. White has a position with the Chicago Record.

Jones-Crayercroft.

Charles J. Jones of Salem, Ill., and Miss Maud Crayercroft were married at noon (December 23) at the home of the bride's brother, Frank Crayercroft, near Elwin, by Rev. A. M. Danely. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends.

The Mutual Telephone line from Lincoln to Atlanta has been completed.

COURT ADJOURNS.

To-Day was the Last of the December Term and an Adjournment will be Taken This Afternoon.

RANDOLPH WINS HIS SUIT

Against J. O. Calvin—Entries on the Chancery and Common Law Dockets—Next Term Begins January 10.

From the Daily of Friday.

Today is the last day of the December term of the circuit court, and an adjournment will be taken this afternoon. The jury in the case of T. C. Randolph, who sued J. O. Calvin for commission of \$50 returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The following were the entries on the docket today:

Common Law Docket.

Hamilton J. Hubbard vs. H. S. Nichols et al.; trespass. Change of venue. Appeal prayed and allowed.

Charles A. Newsbarn vs. John Boyce; assumpsit. Motion overruled. Appeal prayed and allowed.

George W. Elliott vs. Willis and Herbert et al.; case. Motion for new trial overruled and judgment on verdict. Appeal prayed and allowed.

Joseph Swift vs. Illinois Central Railroad Co.; trespass. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

William H. Starr et al. vs. James Millikin; assumpsit. Motion for new trial by defendant overruled. Judgment on verdict and for costs. Appeal prayed and allowed.

Fannie S. Calves vs. Laura S. Hunt; assumpsit. Motion for new trial overruled. Judgment against plaintiff for costs. Appeal prayed and allowed.

T. B. Lewis vs. Citizens' National Bank; appellant; appeal. Motion overruled. Bill extended 60 days.

Willis Johnson, Sr. vs. The Wabash Railroad Company; trespass on the case. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

William Hight, for the use of George L. Hight vs. Illinois Central R. Co., appellant; appeal. Judgment against plaintiff for costs. Appeal prayed and allowed.

C. F. Bates vs. City Electric Railway Company; trespass. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

J. M. Major vs. John Blakeman et al.; appellants; appeal. Motion to apportion costs. Motion allowed each party pay own costs.

A. C. Allen vs. Crocker Elevator Co.; appellant; appeal. Motion overruled. Judgment on verdict and for costs. Appeal prayed and allowed.

George S. Simpson vs. D. O. Mildmore; assumpsit. General demurrer overruled and special demurrer sustained and leave to amend.

Adam F. Gebhart, appellant, vs. H. M. White and Oliver White; appeal. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

Village of Werrensburg vs. W. H. H. Kreidler, appellant; appeal. Motion withdrawn.

E. J. Calley vs. Florence Culver et al.; assumpsit. Motion for new trial overruled. Judgment appeal prayed and allowed.

Abram Kramer, appellant, vs. J. S. Starr and H. C. Starr; appeal. Motion withdrawn and motion to apportion costs. Motion allowed. Judgment on verdict. Each party adjudged to pay own costs in this court.

C. C. Randolph vs. J. O. Calvin; appeal. Verdict of jury for plaintiff for \$50. Motion by defendant for new trial overruled. Judgment on verdict and for costs. Appeal prayed and allowed.

C. C. Randolph vs. H. T. Tay assumpsit. Motion for new trial allowed.

C. C. Randolph, appellant, vs. J. O. Calvin; appeal. Jury retired at 11 a. m.

Elizabeth McDonald vs. Albert T. Summers; assumpsit. Jury waived and trial by court by agreement.

Chancery Docket.

Ebenezer McNabb vs. P. W. Humphrey et al.; injunction. Stricken.

Savannah Burley vs. Daniel J. Burley; separate maintenance. Motion.

John M. Gordon vs. Michael Doran et al.; foreclosure. Master's report of sale approved. Deficit \$4.14. Stricken with leave.

Murillo Glasgow vs. Martha J. Mathews et al.; foreclosure. Deficiency on cross bill \$950.98. Judgment for same.

Ella M. Baker vs. Charles H. Baker; divorce. Continued by agreement.

The People's Saving and Loan Association vs. Alonza A. Kazar et al.; foreclosure. Master's report of sale approved. Deficit \$197.81. Execution awarded and stricken with leave.

William Ernest vs. Frederick Korki et al.; foreclosure. Master's report of sale approved. Deficit \$50. Execution. Stricken with leave.

Lavenna M. Dennis vs. Will S. Clark et al.; foreclosure. Master's report of sale approved. Deficit \$50. Execution. Stricken with leave.

Acrona National Loan Association vs. H. W. Bartholomew et al.; foreclosure. Master's report approved. Cause heard, decree of foreclosure for \$1200.71 and costs and \$60 solicitor's fees as costs.

Edwin F. Kuny vs. Martin L. Vaughn et al.; foreclosure. Report of sale approved. Deficit \$75. Execution. Stricken with leave.

E. J. Calley vs. Florence Culver et al.; foreclosure. Master's report of sale approved. Stricken with leave.

Thomas Hughes vs. Samuel J. Judd et al.; foreclosure. Master report of sale approved. Stricken with leave.

William J. Pegram vs. Ida B. Parmenter et al.; foreclosure. Master reports due

complainant \$1463.93. Decree for same costs.

Mollies A. Thomas vs. Edwin J. Carter et al.; chancery. Decree pro confesso defendant not answering and referred for proof and conclusions on cross bill.

Thomas B. Shaaks vs. Zachary T. Crover et al.; foreclosure. Referred to master for proof and conclusions.

Barbara Hausserman vs. Minnie Robinson et al.; foreclosure. Master's report approved; cause heard. Decree of foreclosure for \$1511.61 and costs and sale, etc.

ACCIDENTS.

Ann Rogers et al. vs. City of Decatur et al.; injunction. Appearance of defendants entered by solicitor and motion by W. C. Johns for plaintiff for temporary injunction and motion allowed. Bond \$1200; L. Burrows surety.

Willie Cain vs. Cort Cain; divorce. Stricken.

H. L. Oldham vs. Charles E. Schroll et al.; foreclosure. Former orders set aside and suit dismissed by complainant at his costs.

From the Daily of Thursday.

Jane Wilson, the 15 year old son of Charles Wilson, met with a painful accident this morning. He attends the Warren street school and was skating in the school yard before school opened, when he slipped and fell on the ice, breaking his left arm near the wrist. Dr. Charles M. Wood reduced the fracture. The young man has broken the same arm three times in the last five months.

Mrs. Wood injured.

Mrs. A. M. Wood, mother of Mrs. George F. Hall, was injured yesterday afternoon. She fell on the sidewalk in front of the English Lutheran church and strained the muscles of her right leg and received a number of bad bruises. She was taken into Nesler's drug store and Dr. H. M. Wood called to attend her and later she was taken to her home.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Stabler was suffering today with a stiff neck and back, the result of a hard fall he had yesterday afternoon.

Bitten by a Dog.

Bob Coleman was bitten by a dog at Fred Wilson's barn this morning. The animal bit Coleman on the left knee. The wound was cauterized by Dr. Wilhelm and was nothing serious.

The Death Record.

From the Daily of Thursday.

Isaac McHenry Lowe died at 8:30 p. m., Wednesday, December 22, at the family residence, 1255 North Calhoun street. He was a veteran of the late war, having been a member of Company C, 23rd Ohio Infantry. He had resided in Decatur for 30 years and was a member of Dunham post, 141, G. A. R. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him and the news of his death will be received with sincere regret. His death was caused by inflammation of the stomach, with which he had been suffering for some time. He is survived by six children, Jesse, Hays, McLenda, Nettie, Harry and Astor. He leaves a brother and two sisters, John Lowe of Ohio, Mrs. W. H. Payne of Decatur and Mrs. Paul of Ohio. His wife died two years ago.

Return B. Foster, aged 76 years and two months, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of his brother, H. E. Foster, the lumberman, 423 Wabash avenue, after an illness of two years with dropsy of the heart. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence. The interment will be at Greenwood.

Indiana Method of Making Lawyers.

The recent decision of the supreme court of Illinois, that the law students would be compelled to study three years before being admitted to the bar, has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction among the students at the Wesleyan and quite a few are discussing the matter with the evident intention of leaving the state for the purpose of continuing their studies. Several of the students have about decided to go to Indiana to continue their studies. A prominent attorney, who is acquainted with the Indiana method of admitting lawyers to the bar, said that it is an easy matter to get a certificate. All that is necessary is to study in some attorney's office for a given time and at the end of that period the attorney goes in a court of record and makes affidavit the person, who studied in his place, is of good moral character and competent to handle all legal questions. The courts is satisfied and thus a lawyer is brought forth.—Bloomington Pantagraph.

Married by Pastor Gilmore.

There was an interesting wedding Thursday at the parsonage of Grace M. E. church. The contracting couple were Frederick G. Lewis of the "Prisoner of Zenda" company, and Miss Winifred Bonowitz of New York, the bride having come to Decatur from Gotham to stand at the altar. Rev. W. F. Gilmore performed the ceremony. Mr. Lewis is one of the principal performers with the Frohman company, and the bride is an actress who will become a member of the company.

Mrs. Myers Injured.

Mrs. Samuel Myers, living near North Fork church, east of the city, met with a serious accident Thursday. She fell on the ice and broke her hip joint. Dr. M. V. Loneragan was called to render surgical attention. Mrs. Myers is 76 years old and the accident may result seriously with her.

Funeral of Isaac Lowe.

The funeral of the late Isaac Lowe was held Friday at 3 o'clock p. m. from the residence, No. 1035 North Calhoun street. The services were conducted by Rev. M. B. Spayd and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery. Dunham G. A. R. Post had charge of the burial.

Marriage License.

James T. Masterson, Decatur, 22.

Mabel Millstead, Decatur, 19.

BIG BUSINESS.

Holiday Trade the Largest in Five Long Years at All Points.

PEOPLE GIVE UP THEIR MONEY

Continued Large Export Trade—Very

Satisfactory—No Disturbance by Bank Failure at Philadelphia.

New York, Dec. 25.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Weekly reports show a remarkably large holiday trade, at many points the largest for five years. Moreover, at the season when wholesale business usually shrinks the pressure of demands for immediate delivery, which results from unprecedented distribution to consumers, keeps many establishments at work that usually begin their yearly rest spell somewhat earlier.

Instead of decreasing the demand for products shows an unexpected increase in several important branches.

Foreign trade continues satisfactory, even in comparison with the remarkable record of a year ago when exports exceeded \$117,000,000 in December. The bank failure at Philadelphia causes no disturbance and commercial failures for the month have been less than half of last year's to the same date.

The outgoing flood of grain is not checked by Chicago speculation though more corn than wheat has been moving.

Wheat exports, flour included, have been 8,698,000 bushels for the week, against 1,546,000 a year ago, while corn exports for the week were 4,511,000 bushels, against 1,732,000 last year. Last year's corn movement was by far the greater ever known and this year's wheat movement for the half year nearly ended has been close to the maximum reached in 1891. Wheat has varied little in price, closing three cents higher for the week, after deliveries of surprising magnitude at Chicago and corn closes nearly a cent higher.

Cotton has also been moving largely and has risen a sixteenth. Cotton goods have further declined in prices of bleached, which meet active southern competition, and Fall River spinners insist on a reduction of one-cent in wages, other New England works 45 passed dividends, 14 at Fall River with 15 others paying 1 per cent for the last quarter. The fall in the price of cotton when the mills were holding heavy stocks of goods placed this industry in a most embarrassing position.

Woolen mills have begun buying domestic wool heavily, as it assured of a large business for the season about to open. Contracts of unknown magnitude have been made, it is said, many at previous prices, but others at a moderate advance. Wool is more firm.

There is a stronger demand for iron and its products, Bessemer rising to \$10 and gray forge to \$9 at Pittsburgh.

A striking feature is the unusual demand for the season in building cars, of which 4000 have been ordered at Chicago by one trunk line. Building contracts in unusual number for the season come up, also contracts for the three drainage canals at Chicago. The Illinois Steel works have eight months' business booked with more orders offering. Tin is slightly weaker.

Failures in the United States for the week were 292, against 297 last year.

Death of Mildred Lytle.

From the Daily of Friday.
Mildred, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lytle, died at the home of her parents at St. Joseph, Mo., yesterday afternoon of spinal meningitis, after a short illness. Captain R. P. Lytle, the grandfather, received a message last night announcing that fact. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lytle and Mildred were here a short time ago visiting with Captain Lytle and family, and although they knew that Mildred was sick they were shocked to hear of her death. The remains will be brought to this city for interment and will be taken to the home of Captain Lytle, 347 North Church street.

Sales of Real Estate.

Michael Hayes to Henry S. Hill, the west half of lot 5 in block 10, of the village of Morrisville; \$1600.

Henry Koons to Ray N. Troutman, a tract 29 feet 1/2 width off the south side of lot 6 and 11 feet in width off the north side of lot 7 of Miller & Packard's addition to Decatur; \$550.

Arctic Weather.

Denver, Col., Dec. 25.—Arctic weather still prevails west of the great divide. The warm wave which visited Denver a few days ago didn't climb the mountain. According to weather reports the temperature is from zero to 18 below in towns in the western section of the state.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair.

GREAT GRAB GAME.

Russia Takes Possession of More Strategic Points in the Yellow Sea

CZAR'S BOLD DEFIANCE OF ENGLAND

Ominous Move Toward Peking—May Force Great Britain to Take Warlike Action—Value of the Positions.

London, Dec. 28.—Russia has made another grab of Chinese territory, and evidently is intent upon forcing the hand of Great Britain in regard to Peking.

News comes that the czar's forces have occupied Kin Chai, lying north of Port Arthur. This places them a little nearer Peking and gives them command of an important strategic position in the Gulf of Jau Tung.

The incident has intensified the interest in oriental affairs, and is taken to mean that the czar is introducing himself into the flowery kingdom. It is also taken as signifying that an understanding exists with Germany and possibly with France.

Manoeuvres Refused to Talk.

M. Hanotaux, at Paris, refused to discuss the action of Germany in compelling Russia to take steps to improve its own interests. It is expected, however, that when the French cabinet gets into Chinese waters, it will be made, and that Britain will then be compelled to grab territory in an attempt to preserve the balance of power in the Yellow sea.

Action is likewise awaited on the part of Japan, whose indemnity is likely to remain unpaid should all the powers approve the Chinese ultimatum. It is hardly possible that the ultimatum will be satisfied with Wei Hai Wei, a place which the British government also covets, and in occupying other places Japan's interests may clash with those of the European powers.

It is concluded that the situation is more fraught with danger than at any time since the German occupation of Kin Chai Bay.

Value of the Position.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Kil T. Shepard, who has recently returned from China, where he held an official position, commenting upon the reported occupation of Kin Chai by Russia, said:

Kin Chai is an important walled city (not an open port) at the head of the Gulf of Jau Tung, and it commands the mouth of the River Yalu, where the great naval battle between the Japanese and Chinese was fought, and the other important rivers which flow into the gulf.

It is about equidistant between the mouth of the Yalu river and the terminus of the great wall of China. It commands the railway station recently constructed from Tien Tsin to the capital of Manchuria, and is of prominent importance as a strategic position.

The seizure of the port shows that Russia has practically taken possession of Korea, Manchuria and the Gulf of Jau Tung, and possesses a significance which will cause consternation among the diplomats in the world. Its situation is such that, its possession practically places Russia in a position to defy the world.

Russia's Plan of Coercion.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The announcement of the determination of England and Japan to protest against the emperor of Korea practically yielding the government of that country into the hands of the Russian minister exerts great interest here, where the story of Russia's invasion of Korea is well known.

After a show of resistance by Corea and repeated threats by the Russian Mr. Brown was disarmed and Mr. Alexieff installed in his stead. Then followed Mr. Brown's appeal to London and sending of a fleet.

England and Japan
London, Dec. 28.—A special from Shanghai says. The British fleet is anchored at Port Hamilton. A report is current at Chee Foo that the Japanese fleet has also arrived at Port Hamilton.

More Warships.
London, Dec. 28.—The Globe says that private telegrams announce that over 20 British warships have arrived at Port Hamilton.

Want a Strong Ministry.
Yokohama, Dec. 28.—Owing to the failure of Premier Inagaki to reconstruct the cabinet all the members of that body have resigned. The newspapers demand the formation of a very strong ministry, capable of coping with the situation in the East.

GROWTH OF CUSTOMS RECEIPTS

Operation of Dingley Law Justifies Claims Made for It.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The treasury statement to be issued tomorrow night will show a marked increase in the customs receipts, thus justifying the friends of the Dingley law in their contention that it will produce abundant revenue when the effect of the heavy anticipatory importations wears off. The customs receipts for the month thus far amount to \$10,015,559. There yet remain three days of December which will increase this sum by at least \$1,000,000. This will put the receipts for December at over \$11,000,000. This is a distinct advance over figures of the early days of the law, the customs receipts being for August, \$1,937,702 for September, \$7,915,100, for October, \$9,713,741, and for November, \$9,830,025. The receipts for December will be larger than those for any month in the last quarter of 1899 under the operation of the Wilson law. The receipts for the last five months of 1897, however, are about \$10,000,000 less than for the same period in 1899. The friends of the Dingley law argue that the heavy anticipatory importations in the spring and early summer should be credited as one of the effects of the new tariff. They are particularly happy over the fact that the customs receipts for the calendar year of 1897 will foot up over \$11,000,000, as compared with \$14,400,000 in 1876, \$160,000,000 in 1895 and \$143,000,000 in 1894. It will thus be seen that the customs receipts for the year that ends Friday night will be larger than for any calendar year since the McKinley law was in full operation.

STAMPEDE IN A CHICAGO HOTEL.

Famous Organ and Paintings Burned in the Great Northern.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The famous mechanical pipe organ in the rotunda of the Great Northern hotel was destroyed by fire last night, causing a damage of \$65,000. Of this amount \$15,000 was represented by the organ, and \$50,000 was due to the destruction of two World's Fair paintings on either side of the organ. The organ was directly over the office and was played by electricity. A boy discovered the fire, which was caused by crossed electric wires. A small blue flame near the top of the organ was first observed, but the fire extinguisher and employees with axes failed to get at the interior of the organ, which was blazing furiously when the firemen arrived and drenched it with water. All this time the guests of the hotel were badly frightened and hurried from the top floors of the 12 story structure by stairway and elevators. The main entrance to the hotel is by two big revolving doors, and in the scramble to get out there was a crush that amounted almost to a stampede. It was only because of the fact that the hotel is fire proof that a disastrous fire was prevented.

Cuts Down Railway Profits

Cleveland, Dec. 28.—President S. R. Cullaway of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway said:

"For some time railroad men have been trying to find the reason why, in spite of the fact that business is increasing especially in the transportation of freight, the passenger business is languishing."

"After figuring on the matter for some time, we have come to the conclusion that the long distance telephone is responsible. Business men are using it more and more, and the way it is cutting into our passenger business is a very serious matter to us."

The French in Africa

Paris, Dec. 28.—The French, it is announced, have occupied Omdurman and Soumbala. It is believed this indicates that an advance against Chief Samory is imminent. Chief Samory is the West African chieftain who for 18 years has been the most dangerous antagonist the Europeans have had to deal with. After 10 years of gorilla warfare he was driven out of the Senegal but made a swoop upon the fertile region of Kong, a dependency of the French Ivory company. In August last his forces surprised and routed a detachment of French troops sent to occupy the territory, which, it is said, Samore had offered to vacate.

Murder at Dixon

Dixon, Ill., Dec. 27.—E. J. Wenker, son of F. J. Wenker of Watertown, Wisconsin, today shot and killed Fred Tolsted, near Steward, Lee county. Some time ago Wenker worked on Tolsted's farm afterwards coming here. He claims Tolsted contacted him unpleasantly with Tolsted's housekeeper and went there to make Tolsted retract. A fight followed in which Tolsted was killed. Wenker surrendered himself.

Outlaws on the Move

Silver City, N. M., Dec. 29.—It is reported that the notorious Black Jack gang of outlaws have crossed the line from Mexico, en route to Silver City, for the purpose of releasing the Southern Pacific train robbers, captured recently near Shins Pass. Deputy United States marshals are on the lookout for the gang.

GAGE WILL NOT QUIT

Rumor that the Secretary of the Treasury Will Resign Not Credited.

WHAT VANDERLIP SAYS ABOUT IT

How the Story Got Afloat in Washington—Costly Fire at Detroit—Hold-Up Society in New York City.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Assistant Secretary Vanderlip was asked today regarding the report that Secretary Gage had tendered his resignation and that the president had refused to accept it. He said: "There is nothing in it." The report in question gave Vanderlip as authority for the assertion. Secretary Gage himself left for New York this morning. Vanderlip when questioned further said that as far as he was quoted as authority for the assertion he could say there was nothing in it for he never so stated to any person. As to whether or not Mr. Gage had offered his resignation and McKinley had refused to accept it, Vanderlip would say nothing for he did not know whether it was so or not. It is believed in some usually well informed circles that the report is substantially correct, but that there has been no formal tender of the resignation. It is regarded as probable that in some conversation with the president Mr. Gage in an informal way stated that he would resign if his financial views were embarrassing the administration and that the president in reply stated very positively that he did not want the secretary to resign.

It is learned further that at the time of this conversation the president informed Mr. Gage that their views were in accord and that he must not think of resigning. It is regarded as certain that Mr. Gage will continue in office.

\$125,000 Fire at Detroit

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—The Arcade building burst this morning, destroying the paper stock of Charles L. Roehm and son, wholesale stationers, and the stock of perfume materials of the Elison Mann factoring company. The five story structure to the west of the Arcade Building, occupied by the Detroit Free Press Printing Co., with contents, was badly damaged. The total loss is \$125,000.

Attacking Millionaires

New York, Dec. 28.—J. W. Harris, the negro, was arraigned today on a charge of sending threatening letters to William K. Vanderbilt, John W. Rockefeller and other prominent men. The letter demanded money under threats of personal violence. The alleged writer claimed to be a member of a society formed to extort relief from millionaires at any price. As no one appeared to prosecute Harris, he was committed to the workhouse as a vagrant.

RESPONSE TO RELIEF APPEAL.

President Receives Benevolent Replies—Order from Gen. Lee.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The president is taking a deep interest in the appeal put forth Christmas eve in behalf of the Cubans. He has received from all parts of the country expressions of a desire to contribute and inquiries as to what will be of most effect. There is no intention on the part of the administration to let the matter rest with the form of an appeal. The president is bent on making the movement as practical as possible.

A conference was held at the white house to consider methods to carry out the work of relief. As the result of it, Assistant Secretary of State Day cabled to Consul General Lee asking him to report fully at once such information as would enable the charitable citizens of the United States to proceed intelligently. The consul general is to use the cable freely. As soon as he is heard from the information will be given to the country. From the responses which have come direct to the white house it is believed that within a week there will be under way a very general movement embracing all sections of the country to contribute supplies for the relief of the Cubans.

Consul General Lee last night cabled the state department just what is wanted at this juncture, and his list is as follows: Summer clothing, second hand (or other) wool, principally for women and children; medicines for fevers, including a large proportion of quinine, hard bread, corn meal, bacon, rice, lard, potatoes, beans, peas, salt fish, principally condensed milk, any canned goods, especially condensed milk for the starving children. Money will also be useful to secure nurses, medicines and for many other necessary purposes.

Death of Judge Stewart

Monmouth, Ill., Dec. 29.—Judge James P. Stewart one of the oldest attorneys in the state, died last night at East St. Louis, aged 79. He was admitted to the bar in 1840 and was known all over western Illinois. He was district attorney several terms under the old judicial district, county judge of Warren county nine years and was an old Mason, having been initiated there in 1845.

City Court for Matteson

Matteson, Ill., Dec. 29.—The special election held in this city yesterday to vote upon the proposition to establish a city court resulted in a favor with 82 votes to spare above the constitutional two thirds majority, 1075 ballots being cast for the proposition to a 415 against. Half of the business of the city will be conducted in the Matteson City Court.

\$4,000 Fire

The residence of Dallas Davis of Mt. Auburn was burned to the ground last night together with the entire contents. This is one of the greatest losses by fire that Mt. Auburn or vicinity has ever known. The house was valued at \$4,000 and was by far the finest residence in the

community. A new furnace had been put in the workmen completing their work but a day or two before and the only theory they have of the origin of the fire is that the furnace became overheated, the fire having started in the basement. Mr. Davis and his family barely escaped from the burning house and saved nothing but the scant clothing which they could gather together in their hurried exit. The house was insured.

GOLD IN COLORADO.

Great Increase in the Output of the Precious Metal—Total, \$12,000,000.

Denver, Col., Dec. 29.—The books of the United States branch mint for the year are now closed. The deposits of gold are the largest ever received. The total will exceed \$13,800,000. It is estimated by the mint officials that the entire output of Colorado is \$22,000,000. Colorado will go far ahead of California, as it is said it will be doubtful if the California output will reach \$18,000,000. Last year Colorado's output was \$16,500,000 and that of California \$17,000,000, while the total production of the country was \$61,717,936. The great increase in the Colorado output this year will send the total for the United States up to \$70,000,000.

Intermediate C. E. Social

The Intermediate C. E. society of the First M. E. church held a social at the home of Milton Johnson, Sr., on North Water street last evening. The four numbers which were on the program were given in a very pleasing manner. The first was a song by the Wesley Male quartet, composed of Messrs. Milton Johnson, Jr., R. C. Augustine, A. W. Johnson and Wayne Williams, the second was a vocal solo by Miss Susie Tucker, the third song by a mixed quartet and the fourth a duet by Messrs. Anor and Clark. The social was given for the purpose of facilitating the social work of the society and that the new members might become more thoroughly at home, and was a success in every particular.

3000 HOMELESS.

Sweeping Fire at Port Au Prince, the Capital of Hayti.

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EIGHT HUNDRED HOMES GONE

Confagration Followed by Earthquake—Statement by Bob Fitzsimmons to Corbett and Kid McCoy.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 29.—Last night a fire broke out and destroyed 800 houses, including a number of warehouses, a hotel, the church of St. Joseph and the parsonage. About 8000 people are rendered homeless. Lack of water allowed the flames to spread. This morning at 5:40 there was an earthquake lasting half a minute and causing slight cracks in the earth. There were no accidents but the populace was greatly alarmed.

POSITION OF "FITZ"

Under What Condition He Will Fight Corbett and McCoy.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Martin Julian on behalf of Robert Fitzsimmons, has made the following signed statement: "Fitzsimmons will defend his rights to the title of champion. Mrs. Fitzsimmons has released him from his promise of retirement."

Referring to the conditions on which Fitzsimmons will fight Corbett and McCoy, Julian's statement says: "These conditions are as follows: Let Corbett beat a man like Maher or Choy-ski and establish his right as a member of Bob's class, let McCoy beat his way up to a commanding position and come along with his challenge afterwards. But first McCoy must fight a fit opponent at the middleweight limit and not at catch weights."

The statement concludes with the following: "I'm not going to allow Fitzsimmons to accept offers from inferior men but when the proper time comes Fitz will meet them all one after the other, in the same ring if he needs be."

The statement is signed "Martin Julian, manager of Bob Fitzsimmons, World's Champion Middle and Heavyweights."

Wabash Trains in Collision

Chicago, Dec. 29.—In a collision of passenger trains on the Wabash railway at Paines Springs, 19 miles southwest of Chicago, last evening, a number of persons were injured, though none fatally. Among the seriously injured was John Humphrey, who suffered a cut on the head.

Place for Adlai Stevenson

New York, Dec. 29.—Adlai E. Stevenson, former vice president of the United States, has accepted the position of west end counsel of the North American Trust company of this city, with a membership in the board of directors.

The Grand Old Man

London, Dec. 29.—This being the 88th birthday of Mr. Gladstone, the usual congratulations were sent to him and to his wife, who is still suffering with neuralgia.

Fishing Laws

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Figaro says the minister of foreign affairs will convene an international conference for neutralization of the New Foundland banks during the fishing season.

Better

New York, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Ballington Booth is steadily improving.

WILL FIGHT IT OUT.

Gen. Gomez heard from by Special Messenger on the Autonomy Plan.

CUBANS REJECT SPANISH REFORMS

It Will be Independence or Death for the Courageous Insurgents—Gomez Has 2000 Men in His Camp.

Havana, Dec. 29.—The first news direct from the camp of General Maximo Gomez since autonomy was granted to Cuba has just been brought to Havana by a special messenger.

This messenger left Havana a short time ago with full details of the scheme of autonomy which has been granted by Spain to Cuba. He finally succeeded in reaching General Gomez, who has been encamped in the Sancti Spiritus district for several months, and laid the autonomy plan before him.

After General Gomez had considered the autonomy scheme he issued another proclamation, declaring that the men under arms will not accept the reforms.

In the proclamation General Gomez says that any measure of autonomy which Spain might grant to Cuba would be insufficient, that all efforts on the part of Spain to end the war by this means will be futile. Independence or death is, as it has been, the motto of the rebels, and General Gomez asserts that they will either win their liberty or die on the battlefield.

General Gomez has had his camp, the headquarters of the Cuban army, in the Sancti Spiritus district for about a year. The force under his immediate command, usually numbering 2000 men, have most of the time been encamped at La Reforcion or at Las Dolores. Both these places are large cattle ranches, and owing to the topography of the surrounding country afford splendid advantages to the Cuban forces for successfully resisting an attack.

The Sancti Spiritus district is General Gomez's favorite fighting ground. During the campaign directed personally by General Weyler General Gomez successfully withstood the onslaught of 40,000 Spanish soldiers, led by Spain's veteran generals in Cuba. While General Gomez at Las Dolores can concentrate 19,000 men, drawn from the 4th and 5th army corps, it is well known that he has seldom more than 8000 men with him. This is in order not to tax severely the food supply of the country districts where he is encamped.

Spain Seeks Uncle Sam's Aid.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Spain has practically informed the administration that she would like to avail herself of the good offices of the government to bring about peace in Cuba. Blanco called upon Consul General Lee to intercede with the insurgents and save Ruiz. Minister Dupuy De Lome obtained the full and cordial approval by his government of the proposition of the administration to start a relief movement for the starving Cubans. The appeal, signed by Secretary Sherman, and given to the public Christmas eve says nothing about Spain and her consent.

It presents the situation in Cuba directly to Americans, and calls upon them to respond directly to the representative of this government in Cuba.

This government undertakes to make the relief effective. Spain suspends the customs to admit the relief free.

She waives her sovereignty to let the United States reach a situation she is unable to meet.

The action of Spain is deeply significant. It was not taken hurriedly. Three or four weeks of negotiation preceded the issue of an appeal.

Only Spain's weakness and her appreciation of that weakness would have induced consent to the proposition of the United States to attempt the amelioration of the conditions.

The step from the good offices of the United States in charity to the exercise of them in the direction of peace is short. There is only one thing that is now delaying the taking of it. That is the uncertain following of the Spanish government among its own people. If the Sagasta ministry was sure of Spanish sentiment, the United States would be called upon tomorrow to find a solution of the Cuban problem. In undertaking to put an end to the starvation, President McKinley has approached within sight of actual intervention.

Cold in the East

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The temperature today dropped to nine below at North Creek; 10 at Saratoga; 12 at Roseton and 15 at Blue Mountain Lake.

Terris' Slayer

London, Dec. 29.—Richard Arthur Prince, the super, who assassinated William Terris, the actor, December 16, was formally committed for trial today.

Crossing the Bridge

People and trams passed over the Maffitt bridge today. In a few days the contractors will complete the work.

W. B. Patterson had a log rolling at Salt Creek, Menard county, December 20, the first in the county of late years.

Robert Chaffer killed in two weeks on his father's farm, at Deer Creek, 481 sparrows, the county on which amounts to \$9.63.

T. J. Palmer of East Lynn and Sam Belt of Cienega Park, have bought J. C. McMahon's restaurant at Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. S. W. Allerton of Chicago, will send her second installment of about 500 books to the Allerton library in Monticello in January.

PERSONAL MENTION.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

—A. Trimmer visited in the city yesterday.

—Supervisor H. F. May's condition today is not as favorable as yesterday.

—Rev. S. C. Pierson of Latham is the guest of Deatur friends.

—Elmer Simpson of Chicago is in the city on a visit to friends.

—Attorney W. H. Quinlan returned to Chicago yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shellabarger have returned to Salina, Kan.

—Griffith Fletcher of Boody is transacting business in the city today.

—Mrs. F. Cross of Blue Mound visited with Deatur friends yesterday.

—J. W. Rance is the guest of friends in Lafayette Ind.

—Mrs. D. L. V'gus is visiting friends in Litchfield.

—Dr. W. T. McLean of Maroa was in the city today.

—Joseph Miller the Blue Mound merchant was in the city today.

—Miss Pearl Scott of Jacksonville formerly of this is visiting here with friends during the holidays.

—John Hennen of Sangamon, who had an operation performed at St. Mary's hospital several days ago, is recovering.

—S. A. Nils, of South Bend Ind., is in the city visiting friends, and was here last night to attend the Assembly ball.

—J. Chester Williams of Monticello is spending the holidays with his brother S. B. Williams of Brown's business college.

—Mrs. Walter Hutabain, who was taken so very ill at noon of last Friday is much improved and able to be about the house.

—Attorney Frank Ewing has returned from a Christmas visit with his parents at Arcola.

—Mr. Guy Hollingsworth of Sullivan is visiting with Mrs. Laura Snyder of East Wood street.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hobart and son returned last evening from a visit with friends at Matteson, Chalkston and Ash more.

—Attorney W. H. Black returned last night from a Christmas visit with his parents at Champaign.

—Miss Grace Clark will entertain a party of friends this evening at her home, 1067 East Eldorado street.

—The banks of Deatur will observe the usual custom and will remain closed on Saturday, the 1st of January.

—Mr. Albert Barnes left yesterday for Republic, Mo., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chambers.

—Miss Maude Lyons, a teacher in the public schools of Monticello, is the guest of Mrs. N. Gouker.

—Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Childs, who were the guests of the parents of the doctor, returned to their home at Ivesdale on Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stookley of Ivesdale, who were the guests of Deatur friends, returned home yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Brook and Mrs. L. Fabs of Warrensburg, who have been the guests of Rev. M. B. Spayd and family, returned yesterday to their home.

—Frank Turner of Orchard Farm, Mo., arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the winter with friends and relatives.

—Mrs. J. C. Phillips of 734 West Prairie street entertained a number of friends at cards last evening. About 24 couples were present.

—Mrs. J. F. Sonnanstine of New York city arrived in the city last night to visit her son, E. R. Sonnanstine. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Ada Bigelow.

—C. D. Taylor and George Kenny of Homer, Ill. were in the city yesterday collecting dogs for their Klondike expedition. They expect to start about the 5th of the coming month.

—Mrs. Joseph Lapham left yesterday for Chicago. Mr. Lapham will join her in a few days and together they will go to their old home at Peru, N. Y., for a visit of several weeks.

—Mrs. B. M. Godwin and daughters, Marguerite and Mary, who have been the guests of Mrs. Godwin's sister, Mrs. W. H. Suffer of West Prairie street, for the past week, left this morning for a visit of a few days with relatives at Pierson, Ill.

—Miss Bertha Roddy will go to Boardman this evening to attend the Carr-Butt wedding, which will take place this evening at the home of a brother of the bride, William Butt, one and one half miles north of Boardman.

—Colonel Wright, representative of the Detroit Fire Insurance Co., of Chicago, is in the city to adjust the loss on the B. F. Walter property at 740 West Deatur street, which was burned on Christmas morning. The property was insured through the agent here, S. R. Gher.

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